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BRITAIN'S GESTURE

NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED CREDENTIALS TO BE PRESENTED

Sir Miles Lampson Signs the New Tariff Treaty

OTHER POWERS READY TO ACCEPT TERMS

Imply, Britain has "officially" recognised the National Government of China in being at Nanking. This morning, Sir Miles Lampson, K.C.M.G., C.B., M.V.O. (H.M.B.'s Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Peking) is to present his credentials to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek who, as chairman of the State Council, occupies the position akin to that of President or Chief Executive.

Recognition was indicated at midnight last night when Sir Miles and China's Foreign Minister signed the new Tariff Treaty by which the principle of China's complete tariff autonomy is established, so far as Britain is concerned.

Similar Treaties with two other Powers were signed earlier in the evening. Two more are to be signed to-day. Then a long night's work will be rounded off by a ceremony at the State Council in which the British Minister is to take a leading part.

COMPLETE AUTONOMY

Nanking, To-day.—The British delegates, Sir Miles Lampson (the Minister), Mr. H. H. Fox, C.M.G., F.R.G.S. (Commercial Counsellor), Mr. J. W. O. Davidson, O.B.E., (Chinese Secretary, and Mr. J. C. Sterndale Bennett, C.M.G., M.C. (Third Secretary), had an hour's session in connection with the new Tariff Treaty yesterday morning with Dr. C. T. Wang (the Foreign

principle of complete Tariff autonomy in China).

The Chinese text was drawn up in the afternoon, examined and verified by Mr. Davidson.

The actual signing by Sir Miles Lampson and Dr. Wang took place late in the evening.

The final ratifications will be exchanged in London.

Sir Miles Lampson's signature amounts to recognition of the National Government of China; and it is understood that he will be presenting his credentials to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek (as chairman of the State Council) this morning after which he leaves Pukow for Peking.—Reuter.

The Other Powers

A telegram despatched late last night read:

The Sino-Dutch Treaty was signed at nine o'clock to-night; the Sino-Portuguese at ten o'clock; and the British at midnight; it is expected that the Sino-French and Sino-Swedish will be signed to-morrow, as all five Ministers are due to leave for Peking on the afternoon of Dec. 20.

This is borne out by an earlier cable from Shanghai, quoting the Kuo Min news agency (a semi-official organisation) as follows:

The British, Portuguese and Dutch Ministers and the Swedish Charge d'Affaires have booked re-servations from Nanking to Peking, and are leaving Pukow on Dec. 20. There is good reason to believe that the Treaties under negotiation will be signed prior to their departure.



Dr. C. T. Wang

sign Minister, Mr. Chu Chang-nien (Counsellor of the Foreign Office) and two Foreign Office Secretaries, when a complete agreement was reached, Britain recognising the



On Monday, in the course of his visit to Nanking for the purpose of holding the negotiations which have now concluded, Sir Miles Lampson was entertained at dinner by Madame Chiang Kai-shek, the "First Lady of China." Marshal Chiang Kai-shek (inset) and Dr. C. T. Wang were also present; states Reuter. Above, Madame Chiang is seen in her reception room, in a fashionable Chinese gown. Her maiden name is Melinda Soong. She is a sister of the Finance Minister (Mr. T. V. Soong) and is a graduate of an American girls' college.

ENGLAND WINS 2ND "TEST"

AUSSIES OUT 397

FIVE WICKETS TAKEN THIS MORNING FOR 58 RUNS

VICTORY BY EIGHT WICKETS

England's success in the second Test match was assured at Sydney to-day, Australia being dismissed, according to Reuter, for total of 397 runs. This left the visitors, with ten wickets in hand, but 14 runs to secure.

The end came very shortly after lunch, England losing two wickets for the requisite runs.

At the opening the attendance was meagre, there being but 2,000 spectators around the field.

Ryder Goes

Ryder, continuing the batting with Notting, was soon dismissed, adding but two runs to his overnight score. This 5th wicket partnership produced 99 runs in all. On a fast pitch, the Australian captain was caught by the English captain, fielding at forward leg, providing Larwood with his only wicket in the innings. The total was now 345 for 5.

Next in was Oldfield, the Australian stumper, who was dismissed for a duck, three runs having been added to the score. Six wickets thus fell for 348 runs. Oldfield stepped in front of a straight one from Tate.

Short Stand

Grimmett and Notting added 22 runs for the 7th wicket, bringing the score to 370, of which Notting claimed 44 (24 made this morning). The latter was run out by a fine return by Hendren to Duckworth, the English stumper.

Blackie joined Grimmett and another short stand ensued until the latter was caught by Chapman off Geary for 18. Ironmonger, the last man in went for a "duck," leaving Blackie with a total of 11 runs! The innings' defeat was saved in the eighth wicket partnership.

Duckworth Hooted

There were 3,000 spectators when England's 2nd innings opened. Tate was out first, Geary next (played on).

Duckworth was hooted by the crowd when he went in to bat; because "the crowd," Reuter adds, "had not forgotten the Kippax incident." (What incident is referred to has not been stated nor previously referred to).

White made the winning hit, a two, after the score had been tied. Hendry took both wickets that fell.

Australia's Collapse

Australia's collapse, in a way, was remarkable. For the six wickets lost this morning only 58 runs were put on. The score shows that only three men—Woodfull, Hendry and "Skipper" Ryder—were able to do much to hold the fort. Up to the close of play yesterday they had made 299 runs, Ryder being still at bat, which means that the remaining five hitters were dismissed for a total of 98 runs, including the runs made to-day, the sixth day, by Ryder and Notting.

Australia—1st Innings

W. M. Woodfull, l.b.w., b Geary 68
V. Y. Richardson, b Larwood 27
A. F. Kippax, b Geary 9

W. H. Ponsford, retired hurt 5

H. L. Hendry, b Geary 37

J. S. Ryder, l.b.w., b Geary 25

O. Notting, b Larwood 3

W. A. Oldfield, not out 41

C. V. Grimmett, run out 9

D. D. J. Blackie, b Geary 8

H. Ironmonger, c Duckworth, b Larwood 1

Extras 16

BOWLING ANALYSIS

0. M. R. W.
Larwood 23.2 4 77 3
Tate 21 9 29 0
White 30 10 79 0
Geary 18 5 35 5
Hammond 6 0 18 0

England—1st Innings

J. B. Hobbs, c Oldfield, b

Grimmett 40

H. Sutcliffe, c Hendry, b

Ironmonger 11

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W. B. FINNIGAN,
Registrar.
19th December, 1928.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

25th, 26th, 27th February and
2nd March, 1929.

DRAFT PROGRAMME and ENTRY FORMS are now ready and may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Hong Kong, 16th Dec., 1928.

FANLING HUNT.

ALL ROUND FIXTURES are cancelled until further notice owing to an outbreak of diphtheria.

The Meet on SUNDAY, 23rd instant will be at the Hunters Arms at 11 a.m. and will take the form of a "Cross-Country Scramble."

FANLING HUNT

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(In Voluntary Liquidation.)

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Notice is hereby given that Creditors of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce are required on or before the 31st day of December, 1928, to send particulars of their debts and claims, if any, to the undersigned at Chartered Bank Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, when claims admitted will be paid in full.

Dated this 15th day of December, 1928.

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R. PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 24th day of December, 1928, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui Po, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of

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PETITION TO GOVT.

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transfer specifying the securities and executed by the registered holder, but in blank as to the date and the name of the transferee. Such a transaction constitutes an equitable mortgage.

If the registered holder of securities gives a blank form of transfer, together with the certificates for the shares, to a creditor by way of security, he thereby conveys upon him authority to complete his security by filling up the transfer and obtaining registration.

(Halsbury's Laws of England, Vol. 27, para 483 and 484, pp. 236 and 237.)

(c) Sometimes the articles require a transfer to be by deed; but this requisition causes inconvenience and securities no benefit. Thus where the transfer may be by instrument in writing as above, the shareholder may sign a blank transfer, and hand it over to a purchaser or mortgagee, with authority to the holder of it for the time being to fill in the name of a transferee and such a transfer when filled up can be sent in for registration, and no objection can be raised by the company to its validity." (Authorities quoted.)

"But where a deed is required, this convenient plan is not properly available; for a deed executed in blank is inoperative as a legal transfer." (Authorities quoted.)

"Nevertheless, such are the exigencies of business, that even where a deed is required blank transfers are frequently resorted to, in the expectation that the company will not notice or take advantage of the irregularity. It seems, however, desirable to make the articles accord with the general practice."

(Halsbury's Laws of England, Vol. 5, page 198.)

18. That, at present, when registration of transfer is optional and not compulsory, the period taken to perfect a registration varies with different companies from a couple of days to one week or even longer. It would, however, be reasonable to consider the matter. Usually the directors notify to the registered holder that a transfer has been lodged for registration. If the registered holder does not reply to such a notification and a forged transfer is registered, he is not stopped from having the registration rectified by substituting his name for that of the transferee.

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21. That the Bill seeks to prevent any transaction or dealing in shares unless the same is followed by a formal registration with the Company; in other words, it seeks to abolish the universally recognised and long established practice "Blank Transfer."

22. That upon the receipt of an application for transfer, the registering Company has certain duties to perform in ascertaining that the transfer is valid. And that "in order to ascertain whether a transfer is valid, and as to whether, when there is a discretion to refuse registration, the transfer ought to be registered," the directors must have a reasonable time to consider the matter. Usually the directors notify to the registered holder that a transfer has been lodged for registration. If the registered holder does not reply to such a notification and a forged transfer is registered, he is not stopped from having the registration rectified by substituting his name for that of the transferee.

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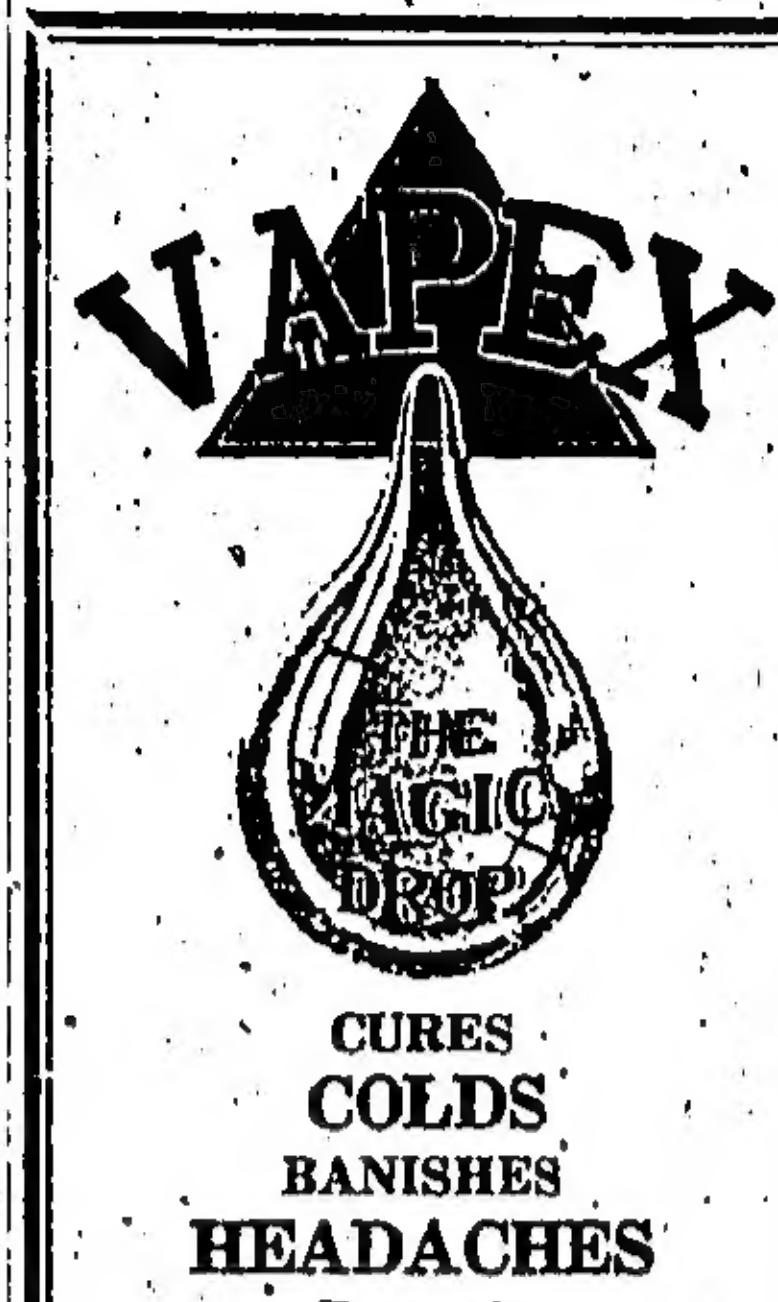
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HAVANA MARU Sunday, 6th January.

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(2) Suppose, further, that B, a month later, has to make a business trip to Canton. Before he leaves, he would naturally entrust his marketable securities to the custody of his partner or some responsible agent. Suppose that, during B's absence, A, for pressing business reasons, desires to sell out the shares. How would A complete the proposed transaction and obtain a "re-conveyance" from B, who is absent?

(3) In some well-known companies the shares of which are regarded as first-class investment, the directors exercise a very strict discretion as to not allowing more than a certain number of shares to be registered in the name of a person. At present anyone wishing to buy shares in such a company, but for reasons indicated above, is unable to obtain a registration of such shares in his name, adopts the expedient of having the shares transferred in the name of a trusted nominee who hands back to such a person the scrip together with a blank transfer. How can such a person now invest his money in such shares?

(4) Frequently shareholders who are desirous of having someone to be on the Board of Directors to represent and look after their interest lend shares to such a person to enable him to have the necessary qualification shares as a director. In such cases the usual procedure is for the shareholders to transfer the necessary shares into the name of the proposed director who hands back the scrips together with blank transfers to the true owners. How would such shareholders carry out such an arrangement under the new provisions?

(5) Loans are frequently obtained on the security of partly paid-up shares under the existing practice of blank transfer, when lenders are satisfied with the temporary financial position of the company, and are not themselves subject to any risk of future calls. They would not lend if the shares had to be transferred into their names.

No Substantial Evasion

15. That, indeed, Your Petitioners submit that the manifold and well-nigh insuperable difficulties in the way of compliance with the suggested provisions, having regard, on the one hand, to the time which the registering company must necessarily take, in ascertaining the genuineness of the transferor's signature, in making enquiries from the transferor so as to obviate the risk of fraud or forgery, and in generally perfecting the transfer, and, on the other hand, to the frequency, urgency and multiplicity of everyday commercial, business, and friendly transactions are too obvious to be laboured by Your Petitioners.

16. That Your Petitioners humbly suggest that, as regards imposts such as Estate Duties, the possibility of their evasion must inevitably increase in proportion to the degree of what Your Petitioners may loosely describe as "negotiability" possessed by the property which it is sought to tax. For instance, Your Petitioners venture to think that there is no property which is more susceptible of evading Death Duties than bank notes and Currency, and yet would anyone suggest that the negotiability of bank notes and Currency should be destroyed, or even impaired, for the sake of preventing the evasion of Death Duties?

17. That the proposed legislation will fundamentally affect the proprietary interest of shareholders. It will prevent such shareholders from exercising their vested and legitimate rights of dealing with their own properties in the way they please. It will, in short, entail consequences on shares which can fairly be described as revolutionary in their effect and disastrous in their operation. And it will, finally, necessitate the creation by the Executive, for the purpose of carrying out its provisions, of two entirely new, privileged and arbitrary classes of persons, i.e., "Authorized Bankers" and "Authorized Dealers."

18. That, entirely apart from, and irrespective of, the practical difficulties referred to above, Your Petitioners humbly but earnestly submit that such legislation cannot be supported unless an overwhelming case of necessity, and in the interests of the well-being of the community as a whole, could be made out by the Government. Your Petitioners humbly submit that mere evasion of Duties emphatically cannot constitute such a case, for it should be the duty of the Government to devise some

means, in accordance with constitutional principles, to prevent such evasion, without resorting to the simple but unfair expedient of punishing the innocent with the guilty.

19. That Your Petitioners submit that, in fact and in truth, there is no substantial evasion of Duties in either case, and beg leave to deal with each case in turn.

Estate Duties

(20) Estate Duties.

(1) That Shares, belonging to a deceased person, which were his at the time of his death, and although accompanied by blank transfers signed before his death, of course constitute "property" of which the deceased was at the time of his death competent to dispose" and are liable as such to Estate Duty (Estate Duty Ordinance, 1915, section 5 (1)).

(2) That whatever might have been the practice in the past, Your Petitioners understand that the practice is, and has for some time been, for the Estate Duty Commissioner to notify all the local companies of the death of any person, representation to whose estate is being applied for.

(3) That in any case such a practice could easily be introduced. Under such a practice, on receipt of such a notification, the company concerned would inform the Estate Duty Commissioner of any transfers which had already taken place, and such company would hold up any application for transfer sent in subsequent to the notification, until the Estate Duty Commissioner had been communicated with and his sanction had been obtained.

(4) That Your Petitioners understand the following cases are merely examples of numerous similar cases within the experience of local legal practitioners:

(a) A well-known Chinese gentleman, a few months prior to his death, took out from his bank some "Union" shares which he sold to meet some business obligations. The purchaser took possession of the scrips and blank transfers, but did not send them to the Company for registration until some time after the seller's death. What happened? The transfer was held up: it was only after the Estate Duty Commissioner had been completely satisfied by the clearest evidence of the bona fide sale prior to the seller's death, and that the shares were accordingly not liable to duty, that the purchaser could perfect his registration.

(b) Another Chinese gentleman, who had purchased certain shares and had them transferred to his name, sold them years before his death. He died insolvent. There was no "estate" to be administered, and no application for legal representation to his estate was necessary. Before the true owner could effect the necessary transfer, the Estate Duty Commissioner had to be similarly satisfied.

(5) That this is the position recognised and acted upon in England is shown by the following quotation:

"That transfer, in the case of a purchase on a Stock Exchange, contains the price payable by the ultimate purchaser. Where the transaction has passed through intermediate purchasers, this price may differ from that to be received by the transferor, and a note to this effect is to be found upon most forms of transfer used by stockbrokers. Where this

is the case, the stamp on the transfer is payable in respect of the complete "conveyance," not in respect of any intermediate dealings with the mere right of ultimately calling for the completion of the transfer by the ultimate purchaser or other party entitled, e.g. a mortgagee."

(6) That this is the position recognised and acted upon in India is shown by the following quotation:

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(7) That having made their humble submissions that the proposed legislation cannot be justified by the plea of preventing the evasion of Duties, even if such evasion in fact exists, but that, in practice, there is, and can be, no substantial evasion of Estate Duties, Your Petitioners beg leave to deal with the other avowed object of the Bill, namely the prevention of the evasion of Stamp Duties.

Stamp Duties

(21) That Your Petitioners respectfully contend that there can of course be no question of "evasion" unless there is some substantial legal liability which is being evaded.

(22) That the Stamp Duty Ordinance, 1921, Section 29 (1) provides:

"Where the consideration, or any part of the consideration, for conveyance on sale consists of any shares or marketable securities, the conveyance is to be charged with ad valorem duty in respect of the value of the shares or securities on the day of the date of such conveyance."

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CRIMINAL CASES

TWO PIRACY CHARGES TO BE DEALT WITH

Two piracy cases in the December Criminal Sessions calendar have been adjourned to Dec. 28.

One man stands charged in connection with the "Anking" affair in which two British officers and a Chinese quartermaster lost their lives. There are two counts in the indictment, one of "ordinary piracy" and the other of piracy with endangering life. This case has been adjourned to enable the officers of the "Anking" to give evidence.

In the other case, accused is charged with piracy on a fishing boat. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., K.C., has been retained for the defence. As was outlined by Mr. Somers Fitzroy (Assistant Attorney-General) yesterday, a plea of autrefois acquit is being raised and the adjournment has been ordered in order to enable the defence to obtain evidence that accused has been tried in Chinese territory, for the same offence, under the Chinese law, and that, therefore, he should not be tried again here.

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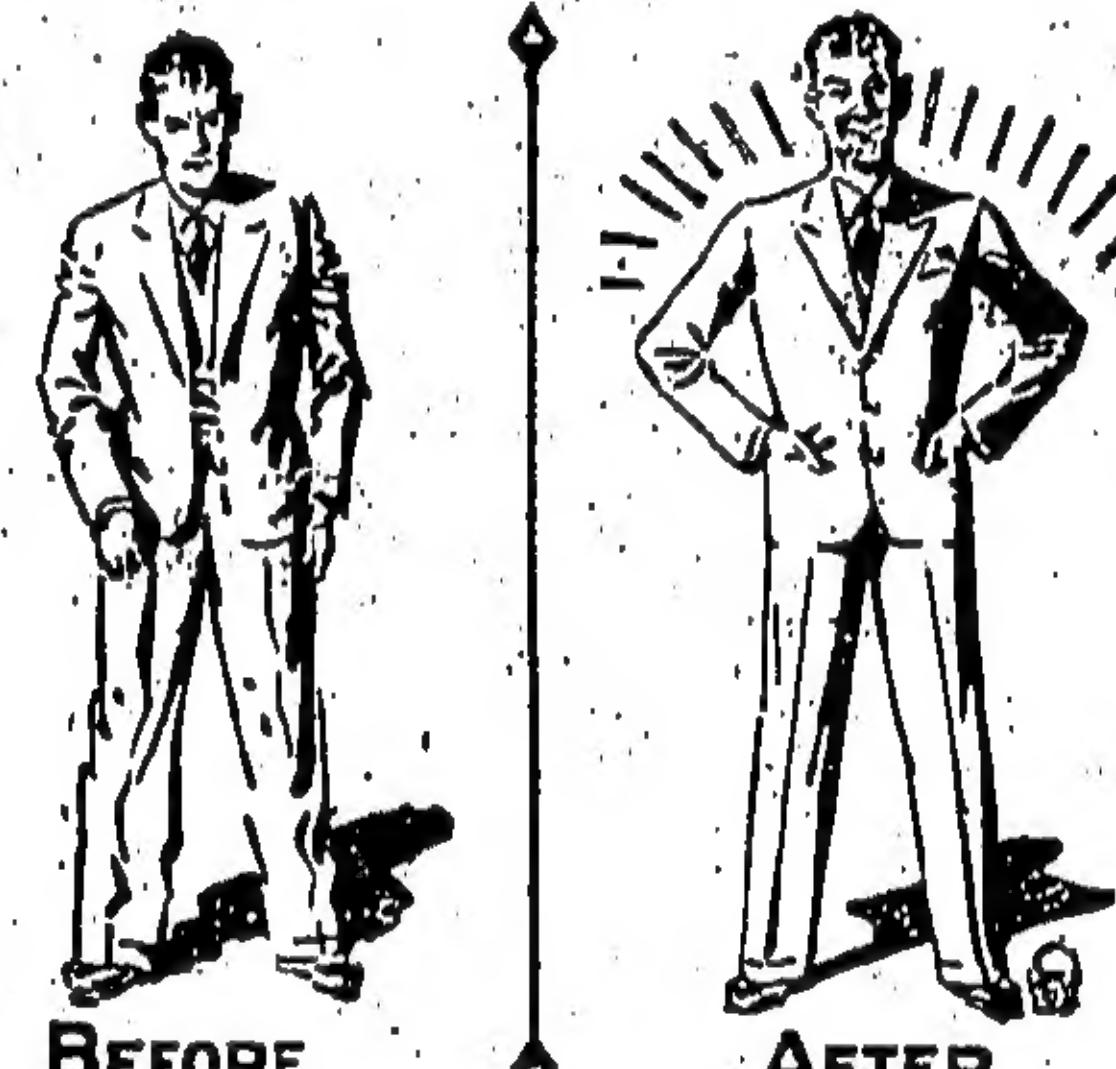
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OUR GLORIOUS GAME

Once again has the game of cricket justified itself; once again has its "glorious uncertainty" been asserted, and Britons all over the world are marvelling at the almost-wondrous exhibition provided by Ryder's merry men at Sydney. When the word came through that England had won so easily the first Test match, and then when we heard that Australia, in the first innings of the second encounter, had put up a meagre two hundred and odd runs, the general opinion was that it was all over bar the shouting. Woodfull and Hendry, yesterday, put a different complexion upon the game. Both scored centuries and, at the tea interval, although the latter had fallen to a straight but intercept delivery from our own Maurice Tate, they had compiled, between them, very few runs less than their whole side was able to put together in the first knock-up. Thus was Australia retrieved from the slough of despond. At this juncture, apart from what ever happened afterwards, the homeside at Sydney had a sporting chance. That is the fun of cricket.

Having progressed as far as the middle of the Second Test, we are able, in a degree, to gauge the values of the respective sides. On the face of it, England has sent to the Antipodes a sterling team and one above the collective worth of many that have gone in the past. Truly so, but one should hesitate to weigh England's merits against Australia's misfortunes. In the first Test, it

must be remembered, our cousins were deprived of the assistance of two remarkable players, one being their national idol, to wit, "Jack" Gregory, of bowling fame. And in the match now in play, the best of fortune has not attended them. England's victory, however, at the first meeting, was a clear-cut one, and nobody would wish to deprive them of any of its fruits.

The second Test, at the time of writing, is in an interesting stage. If Australia wins, a lovely fight is before us. If England wins—and the portends are in her favour—we have the satisfaction of knowing that the land of Victor Trumper, C. G. Macartney, Warren Bardsley and W. W. Armstrong, to mention but a few of the stalwarts, is not, so far as cricket is concerned, played out. Woodfull and Hendry, yesterday, proved this. Of the records established in the course of the present tour it is too early to write. The one revolving around the highest single innings aggregate, England's magnificent six hundred and thirty-six runs, may yet, according to the standard of batsmanship so far seen, be surpassed. Be this as it may, our wonderful game, thanks to yesterday's happenings on the sun-baked pitch at Sydney, continues to hold its own in the hearts of all of us. England has won, but the glorious uncertainty of the game remains.

Signor Mussolini

Of Italy's dictator, the many-portfolioed Mussolini, it may be said with truth that there is no man in the world who is arousing more attention. And with equal truth it may be averred that no statement could please Signor Mussolini more than this. He likes to regard himself as a sort of Napoleon—only *il duce*, is, of course, much more versatile than Bonaparte ever was. But, very little, grows around where Mussolini is to be found; and indeed he needs to be something in the nature of a hustler, for a man who holds six offices of State, to say nothing of being *il duce* and the Premier combined, does not require to look around long to find something to do. Mussolini, it seems, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, or the Interior of War, and of the Navy. He is also the head of other Ministries that need not be specified. How it comes about that Italy tolerates such a state of affairs is mysterious enough, even more so than that any one man should imagine himself capable of conducting efficiently anything approaching the enormous amount of work involved in being the head of so many ministries. Mussolini is generally regarded as one of the most ambitious and egotistic men ever known and one

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Our volunteers are all men of good physique who wear the King's uniform, and in that film they are made to appear ridiculous, to make people laugh.

I know of girls from the islands who have seen the film in London and have gone away weeping. It is time there was a censor who would show that our colonies are not to be insulted.

A PRESIDENT'S SON**ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED**

New Orleans.—Mr. Trumbell, of Connecticut, one of those attending the Governors' Conference here, has with him his daughter Alice, who has been long reported to entertain an attachment towards Mr. John Coolidge, the President's son.

While her father has been discussing with the other Governors problems of taxation, etc., Miss Trumbell has been interviewed by newspaper representatives. She admitted her engagement to young Coolidge, but denied that a White House wedding was in prospect.

"Has there been any formal

announcement?" she was asked. "Not yet," she replied. "But the engagement has been accepted among your friends?" continued the reporters.

"Yes? It seems to be," was her blushing reply.

In 1905 Mr. Coolidge married Miss Grace A. Goodhue, a school teacher, of Burlington, Vermont. They had two sons, John and Calvin, but the second lad died in 1924 at the age of 26 from blood poisoning. Mr. John Coolidge is 21 years of age.

SORDID CASE

INDIAN CONSTABLE CHARGED
WITH RAPE

"NOT GUILTY."

Mowiz Khan, an Indian constable stationed at Ngau-shi-wan, was yesterday afternoon acquitted of a charge of alleged rape against a 19-year-old Chinese girl. On the direction of His Lordship the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan, K.C.) who stated that there was no case to go before them, the jury returned a verdict of "not guilty."

Dr. I. Newton, medical officer of the Kowloon Hospital, deposed to examining the girl. He found no marks of violence on her body. The marks found would be compatible with the girl having been a consenting party. She seemed to be of a very low order of intelligence.

For the Defence

Evidence for the defence was given by Suleiman, Indian constable B643 was with the accused at the time of the alleged offence. He accused took the girl by the hand, and they both disappeared off the path. The girl did not struggle or cry out. She was not dragged off the path, but walked away with the accused.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, jun., for the defence, submitted that he had no time to answer. He pointed out that the evidence given by Doctor Newton was just as consistent with consent as without. That evidence did not in any way imply an assault on the girl. Also, there were no marks of violence on her body.

Further, the evidence of Suleiman went to show that the act was not committed against her consent. Counsel submitted that there was no evidence to show that the girl did not consent.

After some discussion as to the girl's mentality, in which Mr. d'Almada contended that although her mental development had been arrested, it was arrested at such a point when she had already attained the faculty of differentiating between right and wrong, His Lordship addressed the jury.

His Lordship said that he could not see that there was any evidence at all on which he could direct the jury to hold that the act took place without the girl's consent.

If the girl had been so imbecile that she did not know what she was doing, did not know the difference between proper and improper conduct, and was incapable of exercising her own judgment at all, then there would have been a case against the prisoner, because one who had no control over judgment could not be held to give consent.

His Lordship continued that he had come to the conclusion it was impossible to get evidence from the girl. But the course of her life and conduct went to show that she was not an imbecile as far as he could see; to the extent to which she must be imbecile in order to hold her to be without judgment or knowledge of right and wrong.

It was, therefore, his duty under the circumstances, to say that there was no case to go before the jury and they must return a verdict of "Not Guilty."

After a brief consultation, the jury returned the required verdict.

A Vey Bad Case

Addressing Inspector Phillips, Sir Henry Gollan said: "I should like you to call the attention of the Captain Superintendent of Police to the facts of this case. I think it is a very bad case indeed, and I think that the prisoner has behaved, on the admitted facts, very disgracefully."

Speaking to the witness Suleiman, his Lordship said, "Your behaviour has been truly disgraceful, too. You stood by and did nothing while the prisoner took this girl away. I don't believe the story that you have told. You are an utter disgrace to the police force to which you belong and the sooner you are out of it the better."

After his Lordship had remarked that it was a very sad case, but they could do nothing more, the prisoner was discharged.

She: "Let's go, dear. I can't stand that actor. He's such a conceited fellow."

He: "Conceited! I should hear he is. Why, every time he hears a clap of thunder at home he runs to the window and bows."

She: "What's the notice that on the following day he would lecture on 'Our Eyes, and How We See Through Them'?"

"Oh yes," replied the friend. "You surprise me," said the novice. "Surely it would be cheaper to board the space up and let it out for advertisements."

The Inspector was coming to Micky's school; and when nine o'clock came Micky's knees were knocking together. When the great man came in he seemed to fix his eyes on Micky, and he shouted, "Boy, where is Asia Minor?"

Micky replied with a shaky voice, "Ah don't know, but ah saw Taddy Brown stuffin' somethin' in his pocket."

PRAPS-PRAFSNOT!

Cohen: "Do you know of a shop let with Cohen painted on?"

Owen: "No. Vy?"

Cohen: "Vell, I vant to set up in business."

"Have you overlooked that five bob you owe me?"

"By no means. Didn't you see me try to dodge out that doorway?"

"I always take a day off on my birthday," said the first one.

"That's nothing; my wife always takes a year off on hers," answered the second.

Doctor (to Mrs. Perkins, whose husband is ill): "Has he had any intervals?"

Mrs. Perkins (with dignity):

"E's ad nothing except what you ordered, doctor."

An old man with the traditional "One foot in the grave" appearance met an insurance agent one day.

"Can I take out a policy?" he asked.

"Not on your life!" was the short, conclusive answer.

Mrs. Higgins had just paid the last instalment on a perambulator.

Shop assistant: "Thank you, madam. How is the baby getting on now?"

Mrs. Higgins: "Oh, e's all right. E's gettin' married next week!"

Father: "See here, Betty, I want you to come from the party at a reasonable hour—and not with the milkman."

Betty: "But, father, how absurd! He won't be there."

"Do you know the author of these scurrilous reminiscences?"

"No; I fancy he's just an ink hog who prefers to remain incog."

Wife: "George, dear, are there any fashions in that paper?"

George: "Yes, but they're out of date—it's the morning paper."

A little boy was sent with a note to the clinic doctor. The note ran:

"Please will you do something to Willie's face."

He's had it for a long time and it's spreading."

"I must say," remarked the lady to her cook, "that you perform your duties in a very perfunctory manner."

"Thank you, mum," said the cook. "I've been 'ere three months and that's the first word of praise I've ad."

A restaurant-keeper noticed that some of his customers, annexed the current day's papers for an irritatingly long time. He hit on this little piece of sarcasm.

Prominently displayed on the walls was the announcement:

"Those learning to read are requested to use yesterday's papers."

In the village school the teacher asked the class to explain the meaning of the three words—defence, defeat, and detail.

After a brief pause, one small boy rose and gave the following explanation:

"When our dog jumps over the fence, de feet goes first and de tail goes last."

First Club Member: "That fellow Jones is an unsociable kind of chap. He seems to throw cold water on everything."

Second Club Member: "Force of habit, I suppose. You see he is a member of the local fire brigade."

The head master put up a notice that on the following day he would lecture on "Our Eyes, and How We See Through Them."

Shortly afterwards he was astonished to find an alternative title written underneath: "Our Pupils, and How They See Through Us."

It was the novice's first visit to the football match and he was asking his friend a lot of questions about the game.

"Does that man standing under the bar get £8 a week as well?" he inquired.</

ANNUAL PRIZES

DISTRIBUTED AT KOWLOON BRITISH SCHOOL

REPORT AND PRIZE LIST

The annual prize distribution of the Kowloon British School took place at Gun Club Hill, Kowloon, this morning.

Mrs. R. M. Dyer gave away the awards to the successful students in the presence of a large gathering of parents and friends, including Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education, and Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of Schools.

The proceedings opened with an enjoyable programme of entertainment, to which the children of every class contributed. The performance, which was in the open, was well received by the audience, and every item was deservedly applauded. It was a "show" which reflected credit on the little performers and their teachers.

For Mrs. Dyer

After the distribution of prizes, three hearty cheers and a "tiger" were given for Mrs. Dyer, after which Mr. Wood, on behalf of those present expressed thanks for the splendid entertainment provided, and also proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Dyer for kindly consenting to give away the prizes.

Mrs. Dyer, who was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers, also expressed thanks for the fine entertainment provided, and wished all the children a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Take in Report and Prize List

Kowloon Junior School

Miss M. Choper, M.A., the headmistress, read the school report as follows:

The attendance has been well maintained throughout the year. Last year our average attendance was 83 and this year it is 84. The highest recorded attendance was 99. Miss Grant returned from leave in January, and Mrs. Langley was transferred to King's College. In the same month, Miss Dyer, who had also been on leave, resumed work here in place of Miss Jaques. Miss George came on the Staff again in March after a holiday in England. Mrs. Lyal went home in April, and Mrs. Hooper took over her work in Class 9. Mrs. Rundle returned to England in June and Mrs. Heath was appointed to Class 10. Mrs. Hooper resigned in September and Mrs. Johnston took her place in Class 9.

Health

We had several cases of Whooping Cough early in the year otherwise, the general health was good. Dr. Stanciff, the Acting Medical Officer for Schools, inspected the new entrants and the "special" cases in March. Her report was satisfactory, except that a number of children were found to have defective teeth. The parents were notified when a visit to the Doctor or Dentist was considered necessary. Notwithstanding, on re-inspection it was found that only a few had their teeth attended to.

Mr. Ralphs and Mr. Sutherland visited us during the year and inspected the work done in the school.

School Buildings

The P.W.D. finished the additional lavatory accommodation and put up two extra wash-hand basins in the play-ground.

The premises of this school, as you are no doubt aware, are Military property and, owing to the requirements of the Military Authorities, the Hong Kong Government lease of them will terminate at the end of January 1929. Excellent arrangements are in hand for the transfer of the Kowloon Junior School to "Parkside" as from February 1, and I think it will be found that we shall not be losers by this move.

The results of the Royal Drawing Society's examination held in June last are as follows:

Division 1.—Three entered, three passed with Honours.

Preparatory Division.—Sixteen entered, sixteen passed, fourteen with Honours. Eleven pupils have qualified to pass on to the Central British School on the results of the annual examination held this month.

Again we must thank the Kowloon Dock Company for the use of flags, and Mr. Jenner for the trouble he has taken in arranging them so effectively. Our thanks are also due to Mr. Johnston for the use of chairs and Mrs. Goldenberg for donations of prizes.

In conclusion, I cannot express sufficiently my gratitude to the Staff for the efficient work they have done during the year, and for their unwavering loyalty and support.

The prize winners were as follows:

Class 7.—1st girl and form scholarship, Alice Black; 1st boy Harry Murgatroyd; general progress, Edna Phillips, Victor Bond; John Kempton; drawing prizes, Harry Murgatroyd, Robert Provan; special prize for attendance, Alice Black.

Class 8.—1st girl, Muriel McCarf; 1st boy and scholarship, Peter Clark; general progress, Betty Crouch; general progress, Harry Hobbin.

BRANCH COUNCILS
CONSIDERED BY MEETING AT NANKING

ABOLITION QUESTION

Shanghai, To-day. It is reliably reported that the question of enforcing the decision reached at the fifth plenary session of the Nationalist Party held in August, to abolish the branches of the Political Council on Jan. 1, 1929, will be brought up at a meeting to-day of the Central Executive Committee of the Nationalist Party.

Such is likely to result in a heated discussion, a number of influential leaders maintaining that unification of the country is impossible unless the branch Councils are abolished; while there is very strong opposition to abolition shown by other influential leaders who are unwilling to sacrifice the power and rights at present held by the branch Councils.

Avoiding Friction?

It is possible that the "opposition" will be able to force, in any case, a postponement of the carrying out of the fifth plenary session's decision.

In this connection it is noteworthy that Mr. Chang Ching-kiang, General Tai Yen-kai, and Mr. Chu Ming-yi, who are among the most prominent members of the Central Executive Committee, and Mr. Hsueh Tu-pih (Minister for Health), who are believed not to favour abolition of the branch Councils, arrived here from Nanking this morning and will therefore, not be present at to-day's meeting of the Central Executive Committee.—Reuter.

GERMANY'S AGREEMENTS

Berlin, Yesterday. The Reichsrat has ratified the Trade and Shipping Agreement with the Union of South Africa and the Trade Agreements with China, Panama, the Arbitration Treaty with the United States and the International Convention on the Abolition of Slavery.—Reuter.

U.S. SECURITIES

New York, Yesterday. The Produce Exchange has inaugurated a department for trading in securities and exchange to deal with about 250 securities most of which have been previously bought and sold over the counter.—Reuter's American Service.

"Les Preludes," Symphonic Poem, San Francisco Symphony Orch. "Tambourin Chinois," Kreisler, Violin. "Thais," Meditation, Kreisler, Violin. "Prince Igor," How Goes It Prince? Feodor Chaliapin, Bass. "Song of the Viking Guest," Feodor Chaliapin, Bass. God Save The King. Close Down.

TO-DAY'S RADIO

BROADCAST BY G.O.W.

ON 900 METRES

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Government radio station on the Peak, the wave-length being 300 metres. The call sign of the station is G.O.W.

5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.—Demonstration Programme.

7.45 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.—Evening Programme. (Victor and H. M. V. Records).

"The Devout Lover," Percy Henning, Baritone.

"Joggin' Along The Highway," Percy Henning, Baritone.

"I Learned About Women From Her," Frank Crumit, "A Gay Caballero," Frank Crumit "Senorita," Melville Gideon, Baritone.

"They Called It You," Melville Gideon, Baritone.

"My Wireless Set," John Henry, Comedian.

"Valley of Laughter," Mavis Bennett, Soprano.

"Bird of Love Divine," Mavis Bennett, Soprano.

"Oh, You Have No Idea," Gracie Fields, Comedienne.

"How About Me?" Gracie Fields, Comedienne.

"Roses of Yesterday," Jessie Crawford, Organ Solo.

"Just A Night For Meditation," Jessie Crawford, Organ Solo.

"Is It British?" Norman Long, Comedian.

"I Think Of You," Norman Long, Comedian.

"The Stocking," John Henry and "Blossom," Rachmaninoff, Pianoforte.

"Gems from Alida," Victor Light Opera Company.

"Troika En Trainaux," Rachmaninoff, Pianoforte.

"Polka De W. R." Rachmaninoff, Pianoforte.

10 p.m.—British Official Wireless Press.

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God Save The King.

Close Down.

WONG SIN-PUN

FURTHER HEARING IN CHARGE AGAINST HIM

Judgment was reserved, at the Central Magistracy this morning, at the continued hearing of the case in which Wong Sin-pun is charged with practising medicine without being duly registered.

The case was heard by Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

Mr. F. H. Loseby, who appeared for the defendant, submitted a lengthy argument that no offence had been proved against his client.

He stated that the police went to the defendant's premises and tried to discover things that would incriminate the evidence and they had seized only a few things out of many.

Counsel further admitted that the defendant had been practising as a Chinese doctor for gain, but there was no evidence to show that he had been practising in a way contrary to that of a Chinese doctor.

According to the prosecution, the defendant was seen washing his patient, but they did not know that he had been using any instrument at all.

At the conclusion of the defence, the Magistrate intimated that he was still against the defence as the glass syringe and also the western medicine produced in court corroborated the fact that the defendant had been using western treatment.

The programme of entertainment was as follows:

Classes 7, 8 and 9.—Christmas carols: "O come all ye faithful" and "The Little Angels."

Class 10.—"Marching," "Feeding The Birds" and "Pat-a-Cake."

Class 7.—Tweedle-dum and Tweedle-dee Alice Game Fleetwood; Tweedle-dee Harry Murgatroyd.

Class 9.—Songs: "Mr. Squirrel," "Bye-Bye-Baby," and "Cock-a-Doodle-Doo."

Classes 7 and 8.—Dance: "Snowdrop's Awakening."

Class 8.—Recitations: "The Night Winds," "Binkie and Ned," "The Mad Goblin," and "A Funny Man."

Class 9.—Play, "Fairy Silver—Fairy Silver," Hester Heath; Birds, Peter Fleetwood and George Eastace; Bunnies, Georfrey Otten and Tommy Sutor; Hens, Pasty Elkins and Hilda Reid; Ducks, John Dalglish and Nan Hurst; Elves, Henry Phillips; Bertram Miford; Margaret Crookdale and Barbara Davy.

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Class 9.—"King Midas": King Midas, Robert Provan; Pan, Harry Murgatroyd; Phoebe, Edgar

McCarf; 1st boy and scholarship, Peter Clark; general progress, Betty Crouch; general progress, Harry Hobbin.

WAR PENSIONS

VAST SUMS EXPENDED BY BRITAIN

GRANTS COMPARED

London, Yesterday.

Major Fryon, the Minister of Pensions, in a memorandum states that £860,000,000 will have been expended on pensions by March next. Unemployment among disabled ex-service men, excluding those totally incapacitated, is less than five per cent, of the total number of men pensioners. The war pensions expenditure of the last year ended March 31 amounted to about £60,000,000 and for the current year would total £57,000,000.

A comparison of the aggregate expenditure on war pensions of France, Germany and the United Kingdom for the ten years since November, 1918, shows that France has paid £450,000,000, and the United Kingdom £375,000,000.

As to the cost of administration of the total sum so absorbed in the ten years, it was not more than £26,000,000, or 4.2 per cent.

The pensioners number at present about 970,000, making together with their dependent wives and families about 1,500,000 persons.—British Wireless Service.

IRON AND STEEL

LABOUR PARTY TO SUPPORT EMPLOYER

PROPOSED INQUIRY

London, Yesterday.

The National Executive of the Labour Party to-day met the Committee of the Executive Council of the Confederation of employers in the iron and steel trades to discuss conditions of those industries.

The Confederation Committee indicated that it contemplated requesting the Government for a full and impartial inquiry into industries and asked for the support of the Labour Party to that end.

After full consideration the Executive of the Labour Party agreed to render all possible support to the Confederation in its request for the proposed inquiry.—British Wireless Service.

SHADOWS BEFORE COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL"

To-day—Queen's Theatre "Fazil."

To-day—World Theatre "Across The Pacific."

To-day—Star Theatre "Beau Geste."

Dec. 20-22—World Theatre "The Magic Flame" (at 6.15 and 9.15); Chinese picture "Nemesis" part 1 (at 2.30 and 15).

Dec. 20-22—Star Theatre "The Flame of Yukon."

Dec. 23-24—Queen's Theatre "Ross Marie."

Dec. 23-24—World Theatre "Stage Struck" (at 6.15 and 9.20 p.m., Chinese picture "Nemesis" part II, at 2.30 and 7.15 p.m.).

Dec. 23-24—Star Theatre "The Quarterback."

Dec. 25-26—Queen's Theatre "Hula."

Dec. 25-26—World Theatre "The Better Ole."

Dec. 25-26—Star Theatre "Hot Water."

Land Sale

Dec. 24—At P. W. D. Offices, one lot of Crown Land at Samshuiho, 3 p.m.

Lummers' Auctions

Dec. 22—At Sales Room, miscellaneous goods, 11 a.m.

Dec. 24—At Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, Machinery, steel barrels and iron drums, 11 a.m.

Sports

To-day—H.K.Y.M.C.A. Hockey, 2nd XI vs. Club de Recreio, 5 p.m.

Dec. 21—H.K.Y.M.C.A. Basket Ball, Postponed League Matches, 6.15 p.m.

Dec. 23—"Cross-country scramble" at Hunters' Arms, 11 a.m.

Dec. 28—H.K.Y.M.C.A. Hockey, 2nd XI vs. H. K. Club "A," 5 p.m.

Miscellaneous

Dec. 23—H.K.Y.M.C.A. Quiet hour, Speaker, Mr. J. H. Hunt.

Dec. 25—Christmas Day, H.K.Y.M.C.A. Christmas Tiffin, Members will invite Service Guests,

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PETITION TO GOVT.

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form of transfer is used, the transfer is bound by custom to execute the transfer notwithstanding the difference in price." (Halsbury's Laws of England, Volume 27, page 245).

Useful and Convenient

(6) That Your Petitioners venture to assert that this practice was not unknown to the Government of Hong Kong as is shown by clause 18 of the learned Attorney-General's observations in the "Objects and Reasons" annexed to the original Stamp Bill 1921, which is as follows:

"Clause 29 is an attempt to deal with the problem of blank transfers, i.e., transfers of shares executed by the registered owner in which the name of the transferee is left blank. These transfers pass to successive purchasers before finally completed and registered and thus many transfers escape paying duty. The question of making all blank transfers illegal was considered but it was thought that such a prohibition would interfere unduly with a common practice which has been found to be useful and convenient. Blank transfers are therefore not made illegal, but an inducement to prompt registration of transfers is offered, or, perhaps it should be said, a penalty is placed on late registrations."

(7) That Your Petitioners beg leave to observe, parenthetically, that they could see no appreciable difference in effect between the "prohibition" of a practice and a statutory enactment, containing requirements which render the continuation of such a practice impossible from the point of view of everyday business transactions, and that the proposed legislation will undoubtedly have the latter effect upon the practice of Blank Transfer, which was recognised by the Government to be, in the words of the Government's authoritative spokesman, "a common practice which has been found to be useful and convenient," and in regard to which the

same spokesman expressed the Government's laudable desire not to "unduly interfere with..." (8) That, in regard to the old clause 29, Your Petitioners desire respectfully to refer to the opinion of the late Mr. A. G. Stephen thereon as expressed by him in the Legislative Council on April 25, 1921, as follows:

"Hon. Mr. Stephen:—Am I in order in referring to clause 29? I think the clause unworkable and it has wisely abandoned..." (Hansard 1921, page 51).

The Old Stamp Bill

(9) That the amount of duty payable on "Share Contract Note," which was introduced by clause 27 of the said old Stamp Bill, and which was entirely new to Hong Kong was:—\$2 for all amounts up to \$10,000 and \$5 for all amounts above that figure.

(10) That the underlying idea of the old clause 29 dealing with Blank Transfer, above referred to, is the same as the new proposed legislation. The old clause, after due consideration of representations made, was dropped in its entirety by the Government. At the same time the duty payable for "Share Contract Note" was raised to a maximum of \$10 (double of the original amount) varying with the amount of the consideration.

(11) That it is therefore clear that the increased Duty on "share contract note" (from \$5 to \$10) was introduced to "compensate" the Government for the "escape" of Duties in respect of uncompleted transfers.

Indeed, this was officially stated to be the position by His Excellency the Officer Administrator.

Jahras, Yesterday.—The Bengal Government recently ordered Mr. John W. Johnston, the representative of the League of Anti-imperialism at the All-India Trade Union Congress to leave India immediately. Mr. Johnston nevertheless addressed a meeting of the Congress last night. He was arrested and taken to Dhanbad in a motor-car.—Reuter.

Paris.—Mr. John Brownlee, the Australian baritone, was married in Paris on November 29 to Comtesse Carla di Faletto. The ceremony took place at the Church of Saint Pierre de Chaillot, Rue de Chaillot.

**A WEEK'S PAPERS
IN ONE****"OVERLAND CHINA MAIL"
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Fittingly appropriate for the week before Christmas, Hong Kong's social season is at its height. At no other time of the year, perhaps, have there been so many activities to record.

The current issue of the "Overland China Mail," the only illustrated weekly budget of Hong Kong and China news, reflects the busy period the Colony has experienced.

There are reports of weddings, school functions (also Varsity exam results), Church meetings, the "Phil." production of "Tom Jones" and of a host of other topics.

Questions were asked in the House of Commons several times during the last few days in regard to China and Japan. Britain's policy, in official wording, is stated in the "Overland."

Up-country, there has been an historic campaign against the bandits of Ku-Tau Mountains, who have held that stronghold for decades. A graphic description of the fight appears in the "Overland."

Adding further variety to the "Overland" is the news concerning a number of family fortunes which have been the subject of Court decisions. Reports of Criminal Sessions trials have also been included.

The batch of local and topical pictures in the "Overland" is well worth sending Home and to friends and business connections in other parts of the world.

RESIDENTS BACK FROM LEAVE

Many residents have just returned to Hong Kong after holidays at Home and elsewhere. For the first few days one's conscience can be calmed by thoughts that time is needed to unpack and to get settled down again. Then that letter must go.

What you have to say for yourself no one else can write for you; but if you want to ease anxiety as to what is happening out here that is a task that the "Overland China Mail" will do for you as it has invariably done in the past.

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VICTORY OF SIX WICKETS

The Army beat the Royal Navy by six wickets in the annual local cricket fixture. Yesterday's play gave the soldiers a substantial advantage.

The R.N. 2nd innings closed early to-day and the Army knocked off the necessary runs before tea, but not before four wickets had fallen.

This match is the prelude to three "big" matches of the Hong Kong cricket season, Club v. United Services, v. the Army, and v. Royal Navy.

Complete scores in the match completed to-day are as follow:

Royal Navy—1st. Innings	Pty. Comdr. E. C. Annaheim, c Christian, b Wyatt	0
Lt. F. C. N. Norris, c Gaye, b Dobbie	0	
Inst. Lt.-Comdr. E. C. Abelson, b Dobbie	6	
Comdr. J. N. Pelly, c Miles, b Christian	28	
Comdr. F. C. Baker, c Goodall, b Mott	23	
Mr. G. Giles, c & b Wyatt	10	
Lt. W. Tate, c Goodall, b Wyatt	6	
E.R.A. Sparrow, st. Goodall, b Wyatt	0	
Phy. Lt. H.S.P. Watch, c & b Wyatt	1	
Lt. J. S. Dulison, c & b Christian	0	
A.B. Large, not out	1	
Extras	25	
Total	100	

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	G. M. R. W.
Dobbie	8 2 14 2
Wyatt	11 3 23 4
Thorp	2 0 10 0
Christian	7 4 13 3
Musson	3 2 1 0
Miles	2 1 5 0
Mott	3 0 9 1
The Army—1st Innings	
Lt.-Col. W. F. Christian, b Large	18
Capt. A. N. Evers, c & b Baker	17
Capt. N. A. Thorp, b Watch	11
Major A. D. Gaye, l.b.w.b., b Baker	34
Pte. Goodall, b Dulison	2
Capt. A. G. Dobbie, c Norris, b Annaheim	24
Lt.-Col. F. J. C. Wyatt, c & b Baker	31
Pte. Whitefield, c Pelly, b Dulison	5
Bandman Mott, not out	13
L/Cpl. Miles, c Sparrow, b Baker	8
Extras	23
Total	204

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	G. M. R. W.
Baker	10.5 5 53 4
Large	8 0 43 1
Watch	5 0 23 1
Dulison	6 0 43 3
Annaheim	3 0 14
Royal Navy—2nd Innings	
Pay. Comdr. Annaheim, c Miles, b Wyatt	1
Lt. Norris, c Evers, b Dobbie	1
Comdr. Pelly, c Goodall, b Dobbie	14
Lt.-Comdr. Abelson, c Goodall, b Christian	19
Comdr. Baker, b Mott	10
Lt. Tate, c Whitfield, b Christian	24
Mr. Giles, b Dobbie	1
Pay. Lt. W. S. P. Watch, c Musson, b Miles	15
E.R.A. Sparrow, c Mott, b Miles	19
Lt. J. S. Dulison, c Wyatt, b Miles	4
A.B. Large, not out	0
Extras	19
Total	127

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	G. M. R. W.
Dobbie	8 3 13 3
Wyatt	8 3 19 1
Christian	5 2 12 2
Miles	11 2 29 3
Mott	2 0 16 1
Evers	1 0 6 0
Musson	3 1 13 0

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YAUMATI SCHOOL**ANNUAL SPORTS MEET TO-DAY****AT KING'S PARK**

The 12th annual athletic sports meeting of the Yaumati School was held at King's Park, Kowloon, today, starting at noon.

There was a large attendance of students and their parents and friends. A long programme of events was arranged. They all attracted many entries, and some close finishes were witnessed.

Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education, who was an interested spectator, will distribute the prizes at the close of the meet, at 4 p.m.

GOLF**NEW ADAMSON CUP QUALIFIER****FANLING FIXTURES**

J. H. Stewart qualified for the Adamson Cup at Happy Valley with a card of 99—24—76. Other scores were: F. E. Booker, 89—10—79; G. H. McLeod, 96—14—82; J. Stewart, 99—15—84.

The Adamson Cup, 1929, will be played for on the first Friday in each month and the following eleven days except in March and August, when the competition will start on the second Friday in the month.

The fixtures at Fanling for 1929 include New Year meeting, December 31, 1928 to January 2; Junior Championship qualifying round January 6; Captain's Cup January 6 and 7.

SNOOKER FINAL**OSMUND ON TOP AT PALACE HOTEL****SUCCESSFUL AFFAIR**

Over one hundred cue enthusiasts gathered at the new billiards saloon at the Palace Hotel last night to witness the final of the snooker championship staged by the management of that establishment.

The title, after seven frames, went to A. J. Osmund, who had not much difficulty in defeating F. E. Silva, closing score being 452 to 259.

Osmund's scores were:—69, 64, 83, 60, 45, 71 and 60, while the loser made:—30, 25, 57, 34, 33, 38 and 42. Twenty-seven, by Osmund, was the highest break of the evening.

Osmund played consistently throughout and in some frames was conceded almost as many points as he scored by reason of his clever covering of the object ball. Silva was dogged by bad luck throughout the game, but Osmund's superiority was clear-cut. Many brilliant shots were made by both players in the course of the match, drawing a lot of applause from the full Saloon.

Enterprise Rewarded.

After the disappearance of the final "black" Mrs. J. H. Oxberry, proprietress of the Palace Hotel, presented the prizes, as follows:

1. A. J. Osmund, champion.
2. F. E. Silva, runner-up.
3. H. da Luz.

Another prize, for the highest break of the competition, went to Osmund, who secured 81 in an earlier round.

The enterprise of the management of the Hotel was well rewarded in the size of the crowd that witnessed the final, and the early stages of the championship, which was in every way a successful affair.

H. R. B. Hancock (Capt.), J. L. Bonnar, A. G. I. Bowker, Capt. A. G. Dobbie, A. W. Hayward, O. Moor, H. Owen Hughes, T. E. Pearce, H. V. Parker, Rev. E. K. Quick, and C. D. Wales.

The H.K.C.C. team for the League match against the C.R.C., on the C.R.C. ground on Saturday, at 2 p.m., will be:

E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.) H. J. Armstrong, J. L. Christie, G. E. Divett, E. R. Duckitt, A. H. Evers, C. P. James, G. P. Lammet, A. Reid, W. K. Tait, E. R. West.

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LANE CRAWFORD'S**ARE OPEN TILL****6 P.M.****TO-DAY.****LOCAL SOCCER****YESTERDAY'S LEAGUE GAMES****ATHLETIC WIN AGAIN**

Matches in the Mid-Week League, played yesterday, resulted as follows:

Athletic 3 Two Chinese 0 South China 2 P.W.D. Chinese 0 Lam Long Wan 5 Hung Kui S. 0

League Table

The League table to date is as follows:

P. W. D. L. Pts.

Athletic 3 8 1 1 17

South China 9 2 1 2 18

Lam Long Wan 10 5 2 3 12

P.W.D. Chinese 10 3 3 4 9

Two Chinese 10 3 1 5 8

Police 10 3 1 6 7

Hung Kui School 9 1 0 8 2

YACHTING**ARMY BOATS BEAT NAVY****FULL DAY'S SPORT**

A yachting race, Navy versus Army was sailed yesterday. Thanks to a big lead established in the morning, the Army came out on top. In the afternoon, boats were exchanged. The afternoon's contest was a very close affair, with the Navy one point ahead, but six points down on the day's yachting.

The results were:—

Course—Lieutenant Beacon (P), Cust Rock Buoy (S), Channel Rock (S); start 11.15 a.m.

Navy No. Pts. Army No. Pts.

I1 4 11 I3 7 8

Y2 8 7 Y1 9 5

I4 5 10 Y3 3 13

G2 12 3 G1 11 5

G6 D.N.F. G3 13 2

Club v. Small Units

The following players have been selected to represent the H. K. F. Club versus Small Units on the Club ground. Kick off at 4 p.m. on Saturday:—Edwards, Holt, Bishop, McBride, Stewart, Wallington, Watson, Alexander Goldsmith, Scott Tramitzky, Reserves Reid, Buchanan.

K.F.C. Teams

The following will represent the Kowloon XI v. K.O.S.B. on the Kowloon Football Club ground on Saturday, kick off at 4 p.m.:—Angus, Nicholls, Hast, Moore, Dunnott, Blacklock, Hannan, White, Moss, King, Eastman. Reserves Seddon, Waddington.

YACHTING**Course—Channel Rock (P),****Kowloon Rock (S), Channel Rock (S), Cust Rock Buoy (P); start**

3.15 p.m.

Navy No. Pts. Army No. Pts.

I1 8 9 I2 7 10

Y1 2 16 Y2 9 8

Y3 6 11 Y4 1 17

Y5 4 12 Y6 3 14

Y9 12 5 Y8 10 2

G1 14 8 G2 11 6

G3 10 1 G6 11 6

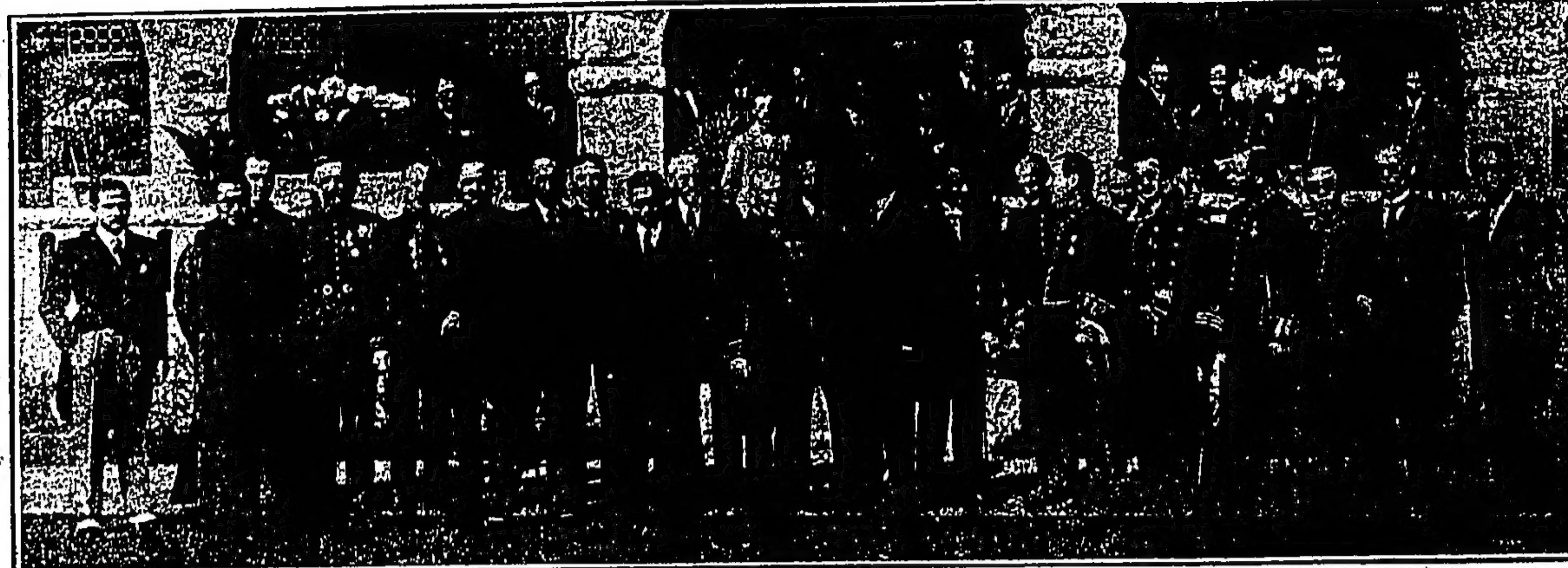
Y6 5 12 G4 13 4

Total 118 Total

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

Celebration at

Belgian Consulate-General



On the occasion of the Patronal Fest of H.M. King Albert of Belgium, a large number of Belgian residents in Shanghai and their friends, as well as foreign and Chinese officials, attended at the Belgian Consulate-General to take part in the celebration. The above photograph, which shows the gathering of Consular representatives of various nations, was taken after the official reception.—(Ah Fong).

Lord Birkenhead

32 Degrees!

Stowaway's Life!



Relinquishing his office in the British Government after a long and brilliant career, Lord Birkenhead retired to his country home, "The Cottage," Charlton-Kings, near Banbury, where this delightfully informal photo of himself, Lady Birkenhead and their favourite dogs was made.



Miss Emily Weidner, a member of the "Sea Lions," who swims when the temperature is at freezing point.



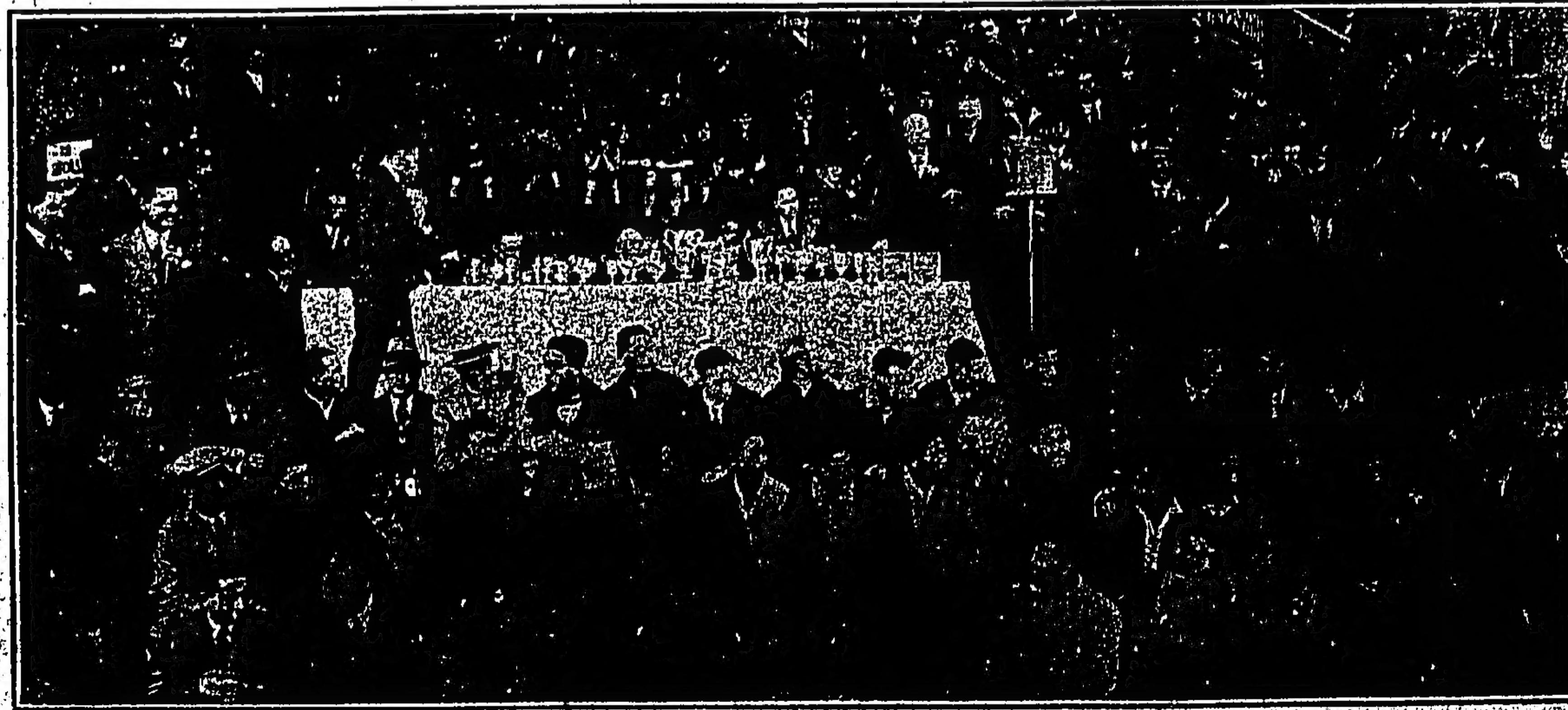
It was not all a luxurious air jaunt for Clarence (Red) Terhune, a 19-years-old American boy who stowed himself away on the "Graf Zeppelin" for a little trip to Germany. The photo above shows how the young adventurer slept on the passage over. Inset a close-up.

U.S. Marines Hold Fancy Dress Ball



A successful fancy dress ball was given at the Marine Club, Ferry-road, Shanghai, by the American Marines. The prize winners for the best U.S. costumes worn in the women's group were Mrs. Hazeltine (first), Miss McBain (second) and Miss Goldkote (third), while on the men's side were Corporal Genovich (first), Private Reid (second) and Corporal Klap (third).—(Burr).

The International Walking Match, Shanghai.



Successfully held when 48 contestants, representing many nations, took part, China, represented by Mr. Y. Y. Chow, was first home, with Ireland (Mr. W. J. Young) following. Above photo was taken at the prize-distribution at the grand stand on the Race Course.—(Ah Fong).

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Driven entirely by women pilots, a fully equipped stock Commander Roadster on June 18, travelled 500 miles on the Atlantic City Speedway in 388 consecutive minutes, maintaining an average speed of 77.21 miles per hour for the entire distance. This record is only 2.4 miles per hour lower than the American record for fully equipped stock cars for the same distance, also held by The Commander.

Immediately following The Commander's run, the women took charge of a stock model Studebaker Director. This model holds all American speed and endurance records for fully equipped stock cars in its price class.

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English "Star". The two performances were checked and certified by the Contest Board of the A.A.A. Each of the Studebaker cars was certified by this same body to be strictly stock and fully equipped.

In order to maintain the high averages and still make stops for relief drivers and fuel, the feminine drivers kept their mounts soaring well above the final average figures.

The women who drove the cars were Bertha and Caroline Winnad, Marie Morton and Mary Jobling, an English film star.

Studebaker points to these performances as proof of the ease with which the championship speed of Studebaker cars may be obtained and controlled. As one, Studebaker official remarked, "These two 500 mile runs in which women did the driving defeat the theory that women are not as proficient as men in piloting motor cars."

INTERESTING STORY OF HAROLD LLOYD'S LATEST COMEDY SHOWN IN AIR

How an aeroplane was converted by an enterprising director, into a private reviewing theatre, is told in the story related below.

Harold Lloyd's latest screen play "Speedy" was in the process of receiving its finishing touches before being presented to the public, and a production director wanted to give it a private and advance showing before several prominent Los Angeles theatrical people whose criticisms he valued.

Wishing to do something new and unusual in the manner of presenting the picture to this group of distinguished reviewers, he rented an aeroplane and setting his projection machine in the rear compartment, took his guests for a trip five thousand feet above the California hills and gave them an advance showing of the picture on a screen erected just back of the pilots cockpit.

Thus "Speedy" was given one of its first showings at a hundred and ten miles an hour!

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Before a crowd estimated at 500,000, Dr. Eckener, followed by his passengers and crew in twenty-five Packard cars and attended by a cordon of police, led a triumphal parade up Broadway to City Hall. Nine picked officers from New York's mounted force preceded the procession followed by two full military bands, several companies of army reserves and a detachment of the navy.

Colourful Spectacle Comparable only with the demonstrations accorded to Colonel Lindbergh and to the men who crossed the Atlantic in the Bremen the lower part of Manhattan Island the very heart of New York, presented perhaps the most colourful spectacle of recent months. A tangle of tickertape swept the street, suspended from the skyscrapers—German flags were everywhere—and to add to the official aspect of the event, three army planes, flying in the wedge shape military formation, hovered over the route which the heroes followed.

New York noted for its hospitality to distinguished visitors, outdid herself—introduced a new note, by presenting Dr. Eckener with roses—a touch which symbolizes the new feeling of cordiality between the two nations. All New York had anxiously followed the hourly newspaper bulletins and radio reports. The four days of tense waiting showed that beneath the casual outward appearance of the Western hemisphere's greatest city there was one great question—"Will they succeed?" Then the news came that the gigantic ship had been seen—and New Yorkers again breathed freely. Heraldled by a blast of whistles and welcoming shouts of the city's population swarming to the streets, windows and roofs, the Graf Zeppelin, on October 15, was sighted flying through the mists which surrounded Manhattan Island—and in what seemed matter of seconds, the huge craft was directly overhead—and gone.

"The sight of your beautiful airship... told again the story of Columbus and Magellan, of Cabot and Balboa." With these words Acting Mayor McKee, of New York City, welcomed the pioneers and gave them the freedom of the American metropolis.

"RECKLESS DRIVING
A JUDGE'S POINTED
REMARKS

Leonard John Bright, 19, a motor mechanic, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment in the second division by Mr. Justice Shearman at Devon Assizes for the manslaughter of Alford Clatworthy, at Bishops Tawton.

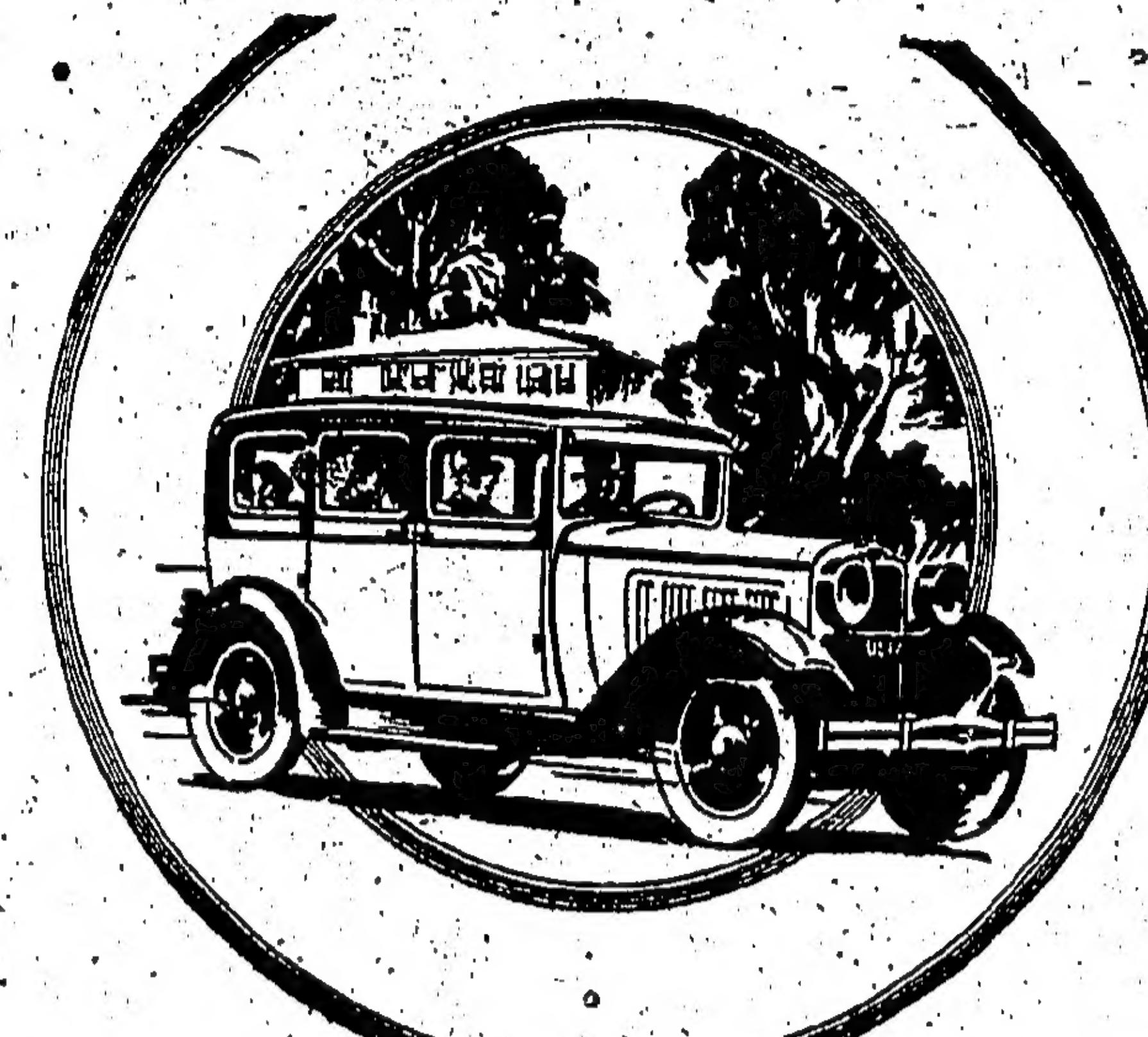
Clatworthy, with a million rider, was attending to the lights of his motor-bicycle when Bright, who was motor-cycling, ran into him. Witnesses said that he was riding fast. Bright said he imagined either his tyre burst or his speedometer twisted into the front wheel.

The Judge, in passing sentence, said that a great many people drove every day with great recklessness, forgetful for the moment that very great speed on English roads was always dangerous. In dealing with cases of manslaughter by negligence he always bore that in mind.

The Judge continued: "It is unusual in English jurisprudence that a man can be convicted for committing an offence which he does unintentionally. As regards the offence, I have my own feeling about this matter. It comes before every Judge, and one has to deal with the standard of this case. I do not want to dictate to other Judges as to what that standard is, when for the worst offences of this kind I have never known more than 18 months given. The state of our roads is getting appalling. The professional driver is careful and kindly; it is the individual driving a car not on business who is reckless."

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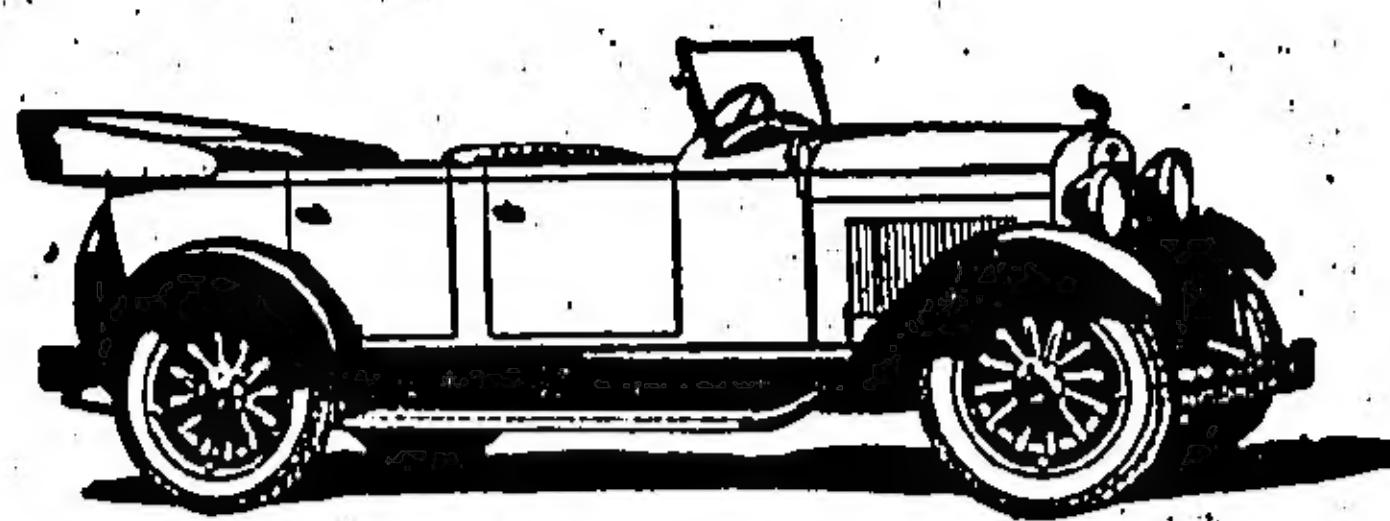
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a crude design. It did not much attract even the adventurous cyclists of that age, but there was no doubt about the engine. In 1884 Carl Benz built a horseless carriage, which was a tricycle with hard-tyred, rudely sprung, without a front or a back to hide, their crudities, we admire the dauntless nerve of the pioneers. If the Americans wish to show the world what the old motorcars were like they must exhibit not only the cars but the heroes who drove them.

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MOTORING PUBLIC

BECOMING MORE CONSCIOUS OF BRAKES

SERIOUS STUDY

[By J. E. Sugrue]

Four brakes instead of two, variations in brake design, the growing need for better brakes and the necessity for more skilful service on brakes—all these and many more factors have combined to make the modern car owner "brake conscious" and to turn his attention to the need for more serious study of the subject of stopping.

So important has the study of brakes become that one of the brake-lining manufacturers has issued a comprehensive manual which is rented to brake-service stations that have demonstrated their willingness to go into the subject scientifically. Many service stations are purchasing brake-testing machines. In short, the mystery is being taken out of brakes as the Nation turns its attention toward safer stopping through greater knowledge of the factors involved in the process.

Many Brakes Faulty

The use of dressings on brake lining, for example, is one of the points featured in this development. The quack is finding it increasingly harder to pay his trade and even the automobile designer who might err with inferior brakes has been warned that it is unwise. Brake noises, it has been found, are largely evidences of faulty brake design, inferior lining, incorrect adjustment, wrong use of brakes or inferior workmanship. The idea that a brake squeaks only because it is dirty has been cast into the discard.

It took enclosed brakes to focus attention to this fact. So long as brakes were exposed, motorists and service men had good grounds for believing that brake noise came from an accumulation of dirt or from extreme dryness. When the enclosed brakes revealed a greater tendency to squeak another explanation had to be found.

Noise Traced

Thus, motordom has come to find that light brake bands and drums encourage brake noise; that inferior brake lining is a constant source of trouble; that vibration of incorrectly adjusted shoes in internal expanding systems induce noise; that lack of equalisation in adjustments induces squeaking, and that drivers themselves frequently encourage brake noise while trying to stop it.

The type of remedial treatment needed can be determined to the

CARE OF TYRES

HOW IMPROVEMENTS ARE ABUSED

EVEN INFLATION

The importance of tyres and their proper maintenance is a factor in car ownership which is too often overlooked in these days of high mileage and reliability. Neither the car nor its tyres give much trouble as a rule; and the less the trouble that is experienced, the less the care that is taken to prevent it.

Good tyre service, however, affects every aspect of motororing to the book entry side of the question. We all know that the makers recommend a certain pressure, which is often not the same for the front as for the rear wheels. But either we are careless, or we think we know better, and I fancy that a test of the pressure in the tyres of any hundred cars one cared to examine would show a very small percentage of correct inflation.

The usual fault is to run the tyres too soft, on the ground that the car rides better. Possibly it does, if the springs are a little too hard, or the shock absorbers are not properly adjusted, but I doubt whether the penalties to be paid justify the measure.

The greater flexing of the walls of the cover causes disproportionately rapid deterioration while the greater area of tyre surface on the road must interfere to some degree with the liveliness of the car—and this spells increased petrol consumption into the bargain.

And if the tyres in question are front ones, difficulties occur in the smoothness and certainty of steering. Many a car which has earned an enviable reputation for heavy steering is suffering merely from persistent under-inflation of the front tyres. The addition of a pound or so of pressure will work wonders.

Still worse defects are traceable to uneven inflation of the two front or the two rear tyres. Wheel-wobble is most frequently due to this simple cause, while a steady drag on the steering to one side or the other is also caused by an unduly slack tyre. Even braking may be upset for the same reason, and on greasy road even the smallest amount of carelessness in regard to the exact degree of inflation may easily be the indirect cause of a nasty accident.

The Question of Speed
So much for the question of performance. In regard to cost, all the matters I have mentioned have to be taken into account, but the most important factor to be considered undoubtedly speed, presuming, of course, that the car is correctly tyred in accordance with its respective axle loads.

One of the greatest fallacies, and also the most general is the expectation of a motorist owning a given make of car that his tyres should last for just the same length of time as those on a car of similar make belonging to a friend. Nothing could be farther from the truth, and a series of tests undertaken by a great tyre manufacturing company may be quoted in support of this assertion. Test cars were run at approximately 45 miles an hour, keeping up the speed as uniformly as possible, and taking curves with no more slowing down than was vital to safety. Later, the speed was reduced to 35 miles an hour, and the average tyre wear, which was 6,000 miles in the case of the higher speed, was exactly doubled.

It is not only the actual speed

which causes the increased wear, but the fact that considerably more wheel spin, with consequent abrasive effect on the tyre tread, is liable to take place—an argument, by the way, for the use of efficient and correctly adjusted shock-absorbers.

There are, of course, other factors

besides speed which influence tyre wear. Violent acceleration and deceleration positively grind the tread rubber away. It is to some extent natural that with more lively engines and better brakes on modern cars these advantages should often be used to the full; but it should be remembered that if economical running is held to be at all desirable, the extremes of pick-up and stop-

and-go" and vibrate.

Can't Be Flimsy

It should be obvious that

parts that are too light and flimsy

in construction are subject to vibration and are thus a fruitful source

of noise.

This is clearly indicated in the

case of some internal expanding

brakes of both hydraulic and

mechanical design. The brake shoes

sometimes are a little light for the

job and unless clearances are the

same all around, and adjustments

are correct (in the mechanical

type), one of the shoes is apt to

float" and vibrate.

Here the car owner has discovered

that his driving can play a part

in the process of keeping his brakes silent. Often if he merely presses

on the brake pedal a little harder

the noise will stop because all of

the brake shoes then come into

firmer contact with their respective

drums.

THE FIAT IN GERMANY

Germany imports a considerable number of motor cars. From nearly 2,000 cars imported during the first six months of 1928, imports rose to 6,000 in the corresponding period of 1927 and reached 7,300 in the first half of 1928. The Italian motor industry, in this great struggle of interest, holds second place among the importing nations and the Fiat imports total up to one third of all the motor cars imported into Germany.

NEW FACTORY

IN CORK FOR FORD COMPANY

BUILDING TRACTORS

Detroit, Oct. 19.

The Ford Motor Company plans to move its main Fordson tractor plant to Cork, Ireland, it was learned today.

Machinery now is being moved from the present Fordson plant near Detroit, and shipped to the company's plant at Cork to be reassembled and put into operation by January 1.

European Demands

The manufacture of the tractor at Fordson was discontinued about a year ago to allow more space for the manufacture of the new model Ford car.

Another reason given for the change was that European demands for tractors had so materially increased that the Cork plant was unable to fill them. These orders, Ford officials explained, came principally from England, Ireland, Germany and Russia.

300 Tractors Daily

Approximately 80 percent of the tractor making machinery and equipment is being removed to Cork in Ford vessels. When the machinery is installed in Cork, that plant is to be operated on a basis of two eight-hour shifts a day, turning out approximately 300 tractors daily, it was announced.

Ford officials said the Russian Soviet Government recently placed an order for \$1,000,000 worth of tractors. The tractor factory at the plant here was not given over to manufacture of the Ford car at the time of the discontinuation a year ago, however, until an ample number of tractors and parts to take care of all orders for the immediate future had been turned out.

ping power should be employed only in emergency.

Average Tyre Life

It is scarcely possible to give a figure of average tyre-life in everyday use that is at all reliable. I know, however, of the case of two cars which were continuously driven at high speed, without the tyres being given really scientific attention, though obvious slackness noticed either visually or through the effect on the steering—was always made good without delay. Both cars, one a Twelve and the other a Twenty-one, running on tyres of different make, turned the ten thousand miles mark before the smoothness of the treads made them dangerous on wet roads. Retreading could have been performed, with an addition to the life of the tyres of several thousand miles. As a counter-balancing influence to the high speed, neither the powerful four-wheel braking nor violent acceleration was ever indulged in needlessly on either car, but I should say that with greater care for inflation pressures, the initial life, before retreading, might easily have been increased to twelve, or even fifteen thousand miles.

To sum up, therefore, if we want our tyres to give us the best possible service, there are one or two simple points we must remember—points which are also not without a bearing on the welfare of the car. We should test the pressure with a reliable gauge at least weekly, and keep the speed as uniformly as possible, and taking curves with no more slowing down than was vital to safety. Later, the speed was reduced to 35 miles an hour, and the average tyre wear, which was 6,000 miles in the case of the higher speed, was exactly doubled.

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Can One Afford it?

The car must really be put on a budget all by itself. And the best

way to treat the subject is by fac-

turing it squarely whether one can

afford it or not.

What economies will the family

accept in order to have a car?

A lower rental, perhaps. A more

economical table. The young people

agree to be more reasonable in

their demands for the very latest

in clothes, and to take smaller al-

lowances. Sure! With the whole

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anybody can make the grade!

Now take all these economies and

the lump sum of them will cover

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but the payments. Everybody now

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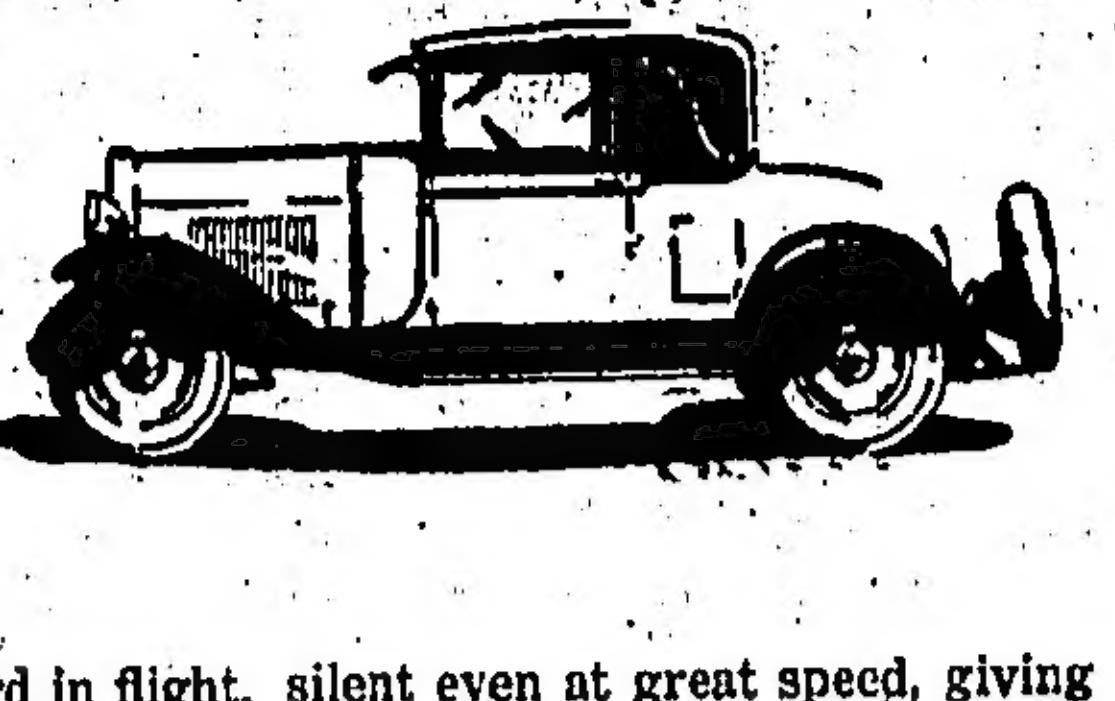
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Roadster 2-pass.	2,006 lbs.	G\$495	G\$ 54	G\$216 G\$ 765
Tourer 5-pass.	2,056 lbs.	495	57	216 765
Coach (2 door) 2-pass.	2,316 lbs.	585	40	205 890
Coupe 2-pass.	2,176 lbs.	595	40	205 900
Sedan 5-pass.	2,396 lbs.	675	40	205 1,000
Cabriolet 4-pass.	2,276 lbs.	695	40	205 1,020
Landaus Sedan 5-pass.	2,300 lbs.	715	40	205 1,020

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Piston Displacement 170.9 Cubic Inch. Wheel-Base 107 Inches
Speed 45 M.P.H.

Half Ton Chassis	1,015 lbs.	G\$375	G\$20	G\$165	G\$650
Half Ton Chassis & Cab No. 560	2,015	490	20	215	725
Cab Top Express Truck	128 2,280	530	20	240	780
Screen Express Truck	103 2,705	570	20	265	865
Combination Truck	104 2,530	580	20	265	865
Panel Express Truck	205 2,665	600	20	260	870
Eight Passenger Bus	34,2,265	615	20	265	890

Hong Kong Price includes spare rim Tyre and Tube, Right Hand Drive.

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R.A.C. Horse-Power Rating 21.
Brake Horse-Power 31 at 2,200 Revolutions.
Piston Displacement 170.9 Cubic Inch. Wheel-Base 124 Inches.

One Ton Chassis	2,130 lbs.	G\$520	G\$ 45	G\$165	G\$ 730
1½ Ton Chassis	2,230 lbs.	520	115	165	800
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Sedan Cab No. 506	400 lbs.	G\$ 85	G\$ 30	G\$ 65	G\$ 180
Cab Top Body No. 328	775 lbs.	175	30	115	320
Screen Body No. 303	950 lbs.	235	30	145	410
Combination No. 303	1,000 lbs.	250	30	145	425
Panel Body No. 405	800 lbs.	270	30	125	425
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NO SQUEAKS NEW ORGANISATION

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BETWEEN CHRYSLER AND DODGE CARS

FOR OVERSEA TRADE

Announcement has just been made by the Chrysler and Dodge Brothers Corporations, that the newly organized Chrysler Export Corporation, will devote its entire time to the development of closer co-operation with all Chrysler and Dodge Brothers overseas organizations.

Overseas Distribution
The Chrysler Export Corporation will have charge of the overseas distribution of Chrysler Sixes, Dodge Brothers cars and Graham Brothers trucks, the Plymouth and De Soto motor cars and the new line of Fargo commercial cars and trucks.

The advantage of this arrangement to the overseas organizations is obvious as it provides for the most economical and efficient co-ordination of all Chrysler and Dodge Brothers export business.

Greater Speed Requirements

To-day cars are operated at speeds far in excess of those of a few years ago. Long sustained runs at 50 miles an hour through the unpopulated sections of the country are common even with cars of the lowest price class. The cars are designed to stand it, not only as regards the engine and the chassis but also the body. When it is remembered that the stresses on a body go up with the square of the speed, every time a bump on the road is struck at 50 miles an hour, instead of being compared as five to three with a bump struck at 30 miles an hour, the ratio is 25 to nine. In other words the stress on the body is nearly three times as great.

All of the improvements in body silence is not confined to the body alone, but some of the credit must go to the more rigid chassis construction used. Where we formerly believed in having a fair amount of flexibility in the chassis, to-day there is very little. There are twice as many cross-members used in the chassis and the bracing and gusseting of the cross-members is very much more sturdy. The result of this is that

fewer stresses are passed on to the body. The chassis absorbs them.

£9,000,000 SCHEME

MOTOR ROAD TO INTERLACE WHOLE OF ENGLAND

£3,000,000 UNDERWRITTEN

Arrangements have been completed for the underwriting of £3,000,000 out of £9,000,000 required for the first stages of a scheme to build motor roads interlacing the whole country from Newcastle to Portsmouth, from Liverpool to Hull, and from London to Liverpool. This is an amplification of the London to Brighton motorway of which so much was heard last August.

Funds are already forthcoming for the expenses of an application to Parliament for power to construct this section, and it is hoped that work will begin next summer. All surveys are now complete for an avenue of 140,000 trees and coloured reflectors on each side of the road for the guidance of night drivers.

The aims of the Motor Roads Development Syndicate, Ltd., headed by Lord Askwith, are more ambitious than this. A further scheme has been drawn up for covering the whole country, North, South, East and West, with motorways which will link up practically every important manufacturing centre in England. Following are the main motorways proposed, on which cars will travel probably at a speed limit of sixty miles an hour in perfect safety, under control of special police provided by the company:-

- 1.—Brighton to London (at a cost of £3,000,000). Surveys completed.
- 2.—Birmingham to Liverpool (at a cost of £6,000,000). Most of the survey already completed. Ninety miles in length. This is under the chairmanship of Sir Edward Brooks.
- 3.—An extension from Brighton to Southampton and Portsmouth, about sixty miles in length.
- 4.—From Birmingham to Bristol and Cardiff, branching near Worcester to both banks of the Severn.
- 5.—London to Birmingham, 100 miles in length, joining the circular London road proposed by L.C.C.
- 6.—Liverpool to Hull.
- 7.—Newcastle to Leeds, joining the Liverpool-Hull road and serving important centres like Bradford, Huddersfield, and Sheffield.

On the Brighton road it is now proposed to build a tunnel at Pebblecombe, between Buckland and Epsom Downs, and to utilize the services of about 500 miners for the purpose. Considerable opposition is, of course, anticipated from the railways, but the company insist that they are not to try to kill the railways. They propose, on the other hand, to provide special garages and goods yards for railway traffic.

SPECIAL TYRES FOR THE MERALCO TWIN COACH

Latest test of the tyre engineer's skill was the advent of a large capacity motor coaches, with a growing need for a large, medium-pressure, single tyre which would cushion road shocks like a balloon and yet stand a 6,000 pound continuous load.

The Twin Coach, which made its bow to the public year ago last July, was the first to require a single tyre of such capacity. The engineers went to work and Goodyear was the first to deliver a tyre that filled the bill—a 12-ply, medium pressure 40 x 10.50. The Manila Electric Company is at present assembling a number of these Twin Coaches.

The Twin Coach Co., starting from scratch, in the short space of that one year has put 250 of these mass transportation units, worth three millions of dollars, on the roads and streets of America. The reason for this lay in the fact that although a new company, it was old in experience, the Twin Coach being conceived by Frank R. Sageel, original designer and builder of the famous Sageel Safety Coach.

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It is an everyday occurrence on heavy city routes for a hundred passengers to pile into the "Twins" and that means a capacity load for tyres as well as coach, but the load is equally divided between all four wheels, so that makes it easy on everything, and the balanced load makes the job ride equally easy in every seat and keeps it from pounding the road—and the tyres.

Transportation engineers and highway traffic analysts, everywhere are searching for means to speed up traffic and get more efficiency from the spaces allotted to public travel. The Twin Coach meets the test for 100 per cent road space efficiency by utilizing its entire length and breadth for carrying passengers.

(Continued at foot of next Column.)

FIRESTONE

HIS TYRE PLANT IN ENGLAND

THE DEDICATION

Modern man, able to converse with the four corners of the earth, was portrayed in Akron, Ohio, recently.

The drama of the scientist was laid in the office of Henry S. Firestone, Sr., president of the Firestone Tyre and Rubber Co.

Harvey Firestone arrived at the plant early in the morning. He conferred with his secretary. Apparently he did not think he was introducing a new era of communication in Akron.

The typewriters clicked rapidly in adjoining offices. Office workers bent over their desks. The telephone on Firestone's desk tinkled.

"Just a moment," he said to his secretary, "I'll be with you as soon as I make this call."

He went to his desk and sat down to a microphone.

Immediately his voice went over the telegraph lines to New York—over the radio current to London and to Brentford, which is in the heart of the London metropolitan district.

He talked to 300 Firestone representatives who gathered at Brentford, London, to dedicate the new \$3,000,000 English Firestone plant.

"They heard him as if he were on a platform in front of them.

The ocean, grown smaller by the Graf Zeppelin's flight, shrank still more as the voices from Akron sped across the surging Atlantic.

Firestone talked 10 minutes to those congregated at Brentford. Afterward he made a personal call on the same hook-up to his son, Harvey Jr., who was then in London.

Happy as a Boy

He was as happy as a boy when he finished the conversations.

"Harvey told me the reception of my speech was excellent in the auditorium of the plant," he said as he laughed. "They understood me very plainly."

The feast was more intricate on the other side of the ocean than it was in Akron, according to G. B. Ransaw, who supervised the set-up on the American side of the Atlantic ocean.

Firestone talked directly into a microphone upon his desk. The call went straight through to New York, then over the trans-oceanic radio current to London. The entire system worked perfectly.

After talking to his son, Firestone carried on a conversation with Sir William Joynson Hicks, British industrial leader.

"He was more excited than I was," Firestone said. "I guess he had a set speech and he was determined to tell it. He was very nervous as if amazed and he showed it, but he told his story."

Steel Concrete

The rubber magnate known throughout the world laughed as he bent back to his work.

The new English Firestone plant is of steel concrete construction, with a two-storey administration building and a four-story warehouse. It has a capacity of 2,000 tyres a day. The plant will start production immediately.

Mr. Firestone's closing remarks were: "In building our English plant our plans were laid for large expansion and we spared no expense to make it the most efficient plant in the world. We have taken from all our plants in America and Canada the special designs for tyre building equipment, all of which machinery was built in England as far as it was possible.

"In opening the new plant it was necessary to send over a trained American staff to start operations, but it is our intention to withdraw all of the American staff as fast as possible."

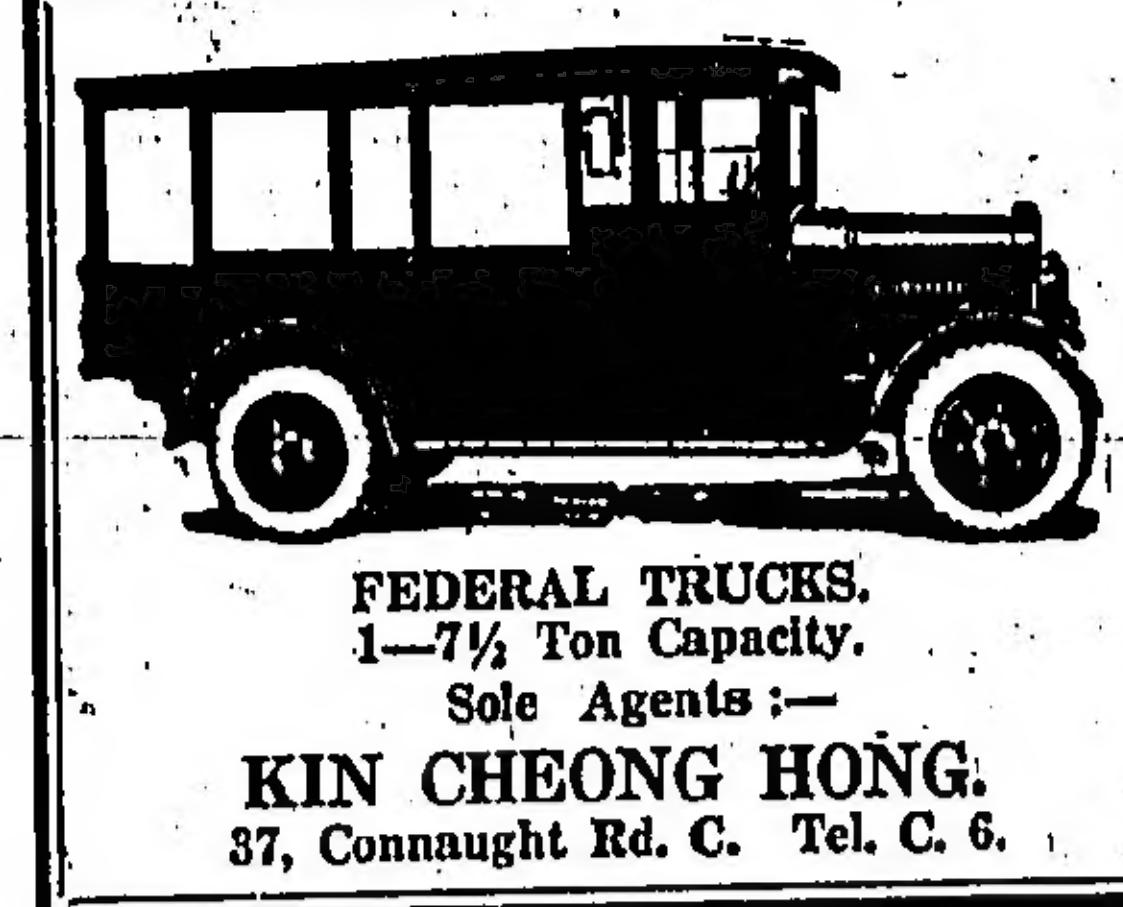
The best labour is available at the site, and the Brentford docks may be used for water shipments.

design. To this end the body and chassis were made an integral unit, the body supporting about 60 per cent of the load. In other words, it was not necessary to design a "chassis" to support itself, the body and the live load. This is the advantage of the Twin Coach weighing 30 per cent less per seated passenger (40), than anything else on the road.

From the public standpoint it has unusual rider appeal and these days in which every square foot of streets and roads is extremely valuable. Cities are being forced to tear down buildings to widen streets, and even put through subways to the tune of a million a mile to meet the ever growing volume of public travel.

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The new Buick is the New Style

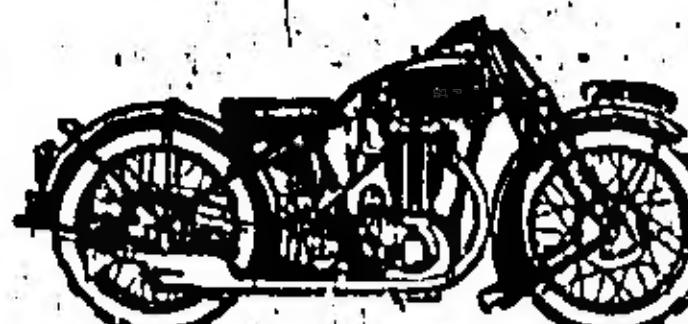


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MONDAY, DECEMBER 24.		
Shanghai and Japan		Hakone Maru 10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 23rd Jan. 1929. K.P.O. Registration 1 p.m. Letters 1 p.m. G.P.O. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.		

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

HIS MAJESTY STILL PROGRESSING

"HARD WON"

"ANXIETY MUST CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME"

MORE OPTIMISTIC TONE

London, Yesterday. A British wireless message states:

In official circles at Buckingham Palace this morning's bulletin was regarded as favourable and satisfactory but it was emphasised that progress made, though definite, had been slight. The advance made each day has been hard won in the right direction but anxiety must continue for some time yet.

Portugal's Courtesy

It is understood that the Portuguese Government has sent a wireless message to the liner "Balmoral Castle" on which the Duke of Gloucester is returning from Africa offering to place a special train at the disposal of His Royal Highness, so that he may travel overland from Lisbon and thus save nearly two days.

"Slow Progress"

A bulletin issued this evening states that the King has passed a quiet day. Both general and local conditions are continuing to make slow progress.

Signed: Hewett, Rigby and Dawson of Penn.

Medical Press Comment

Reuter states:

An authoritative statement in the "British Medical Journal" and the "Lancet" concludes: "The dangerous phase of the King's illness has been surmounted and there are increasingly solid ground for hoping for recovery as the result of this long and anxious struggle."

Hopeful Signs

The watchers at the palace gates were cheered this afternoon by seeing the Queen and Princess Mary drive out for the first time for several days. Public anxiety was further diminished when it was learned that the Queen and Princess Mary and her two small sons spent an hour at the Zoo and that the Prince of Wales' watched the amateur squash racket champion ship at Bath Club when W. Macpherson wrested the title from the holder, Captain Cazelle.

Prince George's Birthday

Prince George, who will celebrate his 26th birthday at sea tomorrow, will arrive at Southampton on Dec. 21 and stay at Buckingham Palace.

Ensuring Safety

Plans were worked out some time ago by the Government of India for the withdrawal of women and children by aeroplane in case of need.

The aeroplane already mentioned, which was despatched on the cessation of messages from the British Minister received a message by signal to the effect that all in the Legation were well.

Leaders of tribesmen assured the British Minister on December 14 that they had no hostile intentions towards the Legation but the Government of India would, of course, take all possible steps to ensure the safety of British nationals.

Aeroplane's Adventure

Reports have been published that an aeroplane had been shot down. It was, however, stated at the Air Ministry to-night that Pilot Flying Officer Trusk, who was accompanied by Leading Air-Draughtsman Donaldson, landed safely at Kabul yesterday.—British Wireless Service.

Statement by Afghan Legation

The Afghan Legation in London says the main trouble is in the Eastern district of Jalalabad where the tribes have risen on account of the new taxes and the passport identity regulations and in no way on account of the King's reforms, certainly not as regards the purdah (veiling) system. Veiling is practically unknown among these tribes. This rising is in no way connected with the happenings in the capital which is now quiet.

The King some days ago motored to Jalalabad and returned immediately to the palace at Kabul. He had never taken refuge anywhere, and certainly not in a fort which does not exist in Kabul. The Legation throughout has been in communication with Kabul by messages wireless from Peshawar whence they were telegraphed to London.

Reuter.

RHINELAND

STATEMENT BY SIR A. CHAMBERLAIN

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons, Sir A. Chamberlain, questioned about his conversations at Lugano as regards the Rhineland, said these had afforded an opportunity for the removal of some misconception and a very friendly interchange of views. No new decision had been taken or sought as reparations were being handled through the ordinary channels. He hoped the Committee of Experts would be appointed in time to get the work early in the New Year. The circumstances were favourable for a solution, if further polemics were avoided. While the experts were deliberating he would decline to answer supplementary questions about evacuation.—Reuter.

THE DISTRESS IN THE REPORT ON "VESTRIS" MINING AREAS DISASTER

M.P.'S ACTION

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE IS PASSED

APPEAL BY THE CHURCH

London, Yesterday.

The House of Commons, without discussion, agreed to a supplementary estimate of £295,000 including £165,000 as a grant-in-aid for the Lord Mayor's Fund for the assistance of the distressed mining areas in England and Wales and of £20,695 as relief distress in Scotland.

Following the appeal by the Prince of Wales, an appeal for the coalfield's distress funds, signed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the President of the Evangelical Free Churches has been issued. It emphasises that a 250,000 miners are idle and expresses confidence that the "response to distress so unexampled a duration and extent will prove that the fire of Christian charity is still burning in English hearts."—Reuter.

CONDAMNATION

"INCOMPETENCE OF CAPTAIN CAREY & THE CREW"

SWEEPING REFORMS

London, Yesterday.

United States Commissioner O'Neill has reported to Congress on Attorney Tuttle's investigation on the sinking of the s.s. "Vestrus."

Mr. O'Neill, who recommends sweeping reforms in the Maritime Regulations, attributes the heavy loss of life, firstly, to the lack of stability of the "Vestrus" when she encountered storms; secondly, to "incompetence of Capt. Carey and the crew;" thirdly, to the antiquated type of lifebelts, barbed by United States law, which were in use on the vessel.

Mr. O'Neill finds that the "Vestrus" was not subject to the regulations of the British Board of Trade, since she did not touch at her port of registry on her regular route; also that she was not subject to United States' regulations owing to the immunity granted to foreign vessels.

The owners of the "Vestrus" are

to enable officers of the United States' inspection service to study her behaviour in an attempt to solve the mystery of the "Vestrus" disaster.—Reuter's American Service.

IN AFGHANISTAN

SIR A. CHAMBERLAIN MAKES STATEMENT

OFFICIAL REPORT

London, Yesterday.

Sir Austen Chamberlain (Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs) made a statement in the House of Commons to-day regarding Afghanistan.

He said that fighting appeared to have broken out again at Jalalabad, but he had no precise information. As regards Kabul a report had been received that tribesmen, led by the notorious brigand, Bacha Saqao, attacked on the west of the city on December 14 and captured two forts. He had no exact information regarding developments since that day, as the British Legation, which lies outside the city, had been unable to use the wireless station, which is near the palace in the centre of the city.

From reports of an aeroplane, which flew from Peshawar yesterday in order to establish communications with the British Legation and other indications, it appeared the aerodrome in the neighbourhood of the palace was still in possession of the loyal forces.

INDIGNANT MAGISTRATE

"You are considerably worse than a liar, you are a beast." This strong rebuke was addressed by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, to a Hukha woman, who appeared on a summons of cruelty to her dog, which it was alleged she had thrown over the verandah in an endeavour to bluff a European police constable that she did not have a dog.

"At 3.15 p.m. on the 4th inst., I went to defendant's house at No. 53 Un Chow-street," said Lance Sergeant G. E. Jessop, the prosecuting officer. "I knocked at the door and got no answer. After knocking several times, a woman came to the door and asked 'Who is there?' I answered 'a policeman,' and I could hear her scuffle away.

Continuing, the officer said that getting impatient at receiving no further reply, he pushed the door which was bolted at the bottom, and could just see between the panels.

"I looked through the crack and saw defendant take hold of a dog and throw it over the verandah into the street 25 feet below. She then came to the door and opened it, and said that she had no dog."

Meanwhile the animal had crawled up the front stairs, and was limping at the left foreleg. Thinking that the animal would attack him, the police officer waved his arms at it and the dog ran away.

Defendant, said, in answer the charge, that the constable had made such a noise at the door and had frightened the occupants of the flat, including the dog who had accidentally gone over the verandah.

His Worship: Why didn't you open the door at once?

Defendant replied that there were only two women occupants in the flat at the time, and both were frightened.

Rebuking the defendant as quoted above, His Worship imposed a fine of \$25 or one month. On the summons of having no licence, and allowing the dog in the street without a muzzle, fines totalling \$10 were imposed.

PARAGUAY

ORDERS DEMOBILISATION AND CESSION

Buenos Aires, Yesterday.

A communiqué from Asuncion states that the Paraguayan Government have ordered the demobilisation and cessation of all official war preparations.—Reuter's American Service.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day, was 2/0 8/16.

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